WEATHER FORECASTS

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TEUTONS STARVE POLISH PEOPLE

Sir Edward Grey Says Plundering of Distressed Country Must Stop Before Relief Can Be Afforded.

FOOD SUPPLIES ARE STEADILY DRAINED

Foreign Secretary Regretfully Obliged to Answer Mr. Hoover's Request in Negative—Invaders Responsible.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—The Foreign Office has given out a letter from Sir Edward Grey, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, to Herbert C. Hoover, chairman of the American commission for relief in Belgium, and the cablegrams exchanged between the Polish relief societies of Chicago and Premier Asquith, which indicate that no agreement has yet been reached between the belligerents for the relief of the civilian population of Poland.

Supplementing this correspondence, the Associated Press has been given a letter from Mr. Hoover, which resulted in the reply published by the Foreign Office. The correspondence on the subject leaves the problem of feeding Poland unsettled, and confirms the opinion in well-informed circles here that any agreement which would enable relief to be carried on is so remote as to make it extremely improbable.

Discussing Sir Edward Grey's letter, Mr. Hoover said:

"Sir Edward Grey's letter has been referred to Ambassador Gerard at Berlin, with the hope that it will furnish a basis for negotiations."

Mr. Hoover's letter to Sir Edward Grey, dated December 22, follows:

"Sir: Knowing your keen desire to mitigate in every possible way human suffering arising from the war, I feel justified in bringing before you a suggestion on behalf of the civil population of Poland. I attach hereto a petition which the commission has received from the large and representative select committee in Warsaw, and also a report made after personal investigation at our instance by Dr. Vernon Kellogg, until lately director in Belgium of our work there.

"No added words of mine can darken the picture of misery and despair which these statements depict, representing as they do what would have been the fate of Belgium but for the relief afforded under international auspices, with your earnest support. I have had some informal conversations with the German authorities, who have assured me that there are cereals and potatoes available in Poland and elsewhere, from which, by mobilization and organized distribution, some sort of minimum ration can be provided. Other items of a dietary character do not exist in Poland, and they are critically necessary. The shortage of these particular commodities in Germany leaves no hope of help for Poland from that quarter.

"I am assured by the German authorities that protection will be afforded to local and imported supplies for the exclusive use of the civil population."

Sir Edward Grey's letter to Mr. Hoover, given out by the Foreign Office for publication, follows:

"Dear Mr. Hoover: I have carefully considered your letter of December 22 regarding the proposed scheme for the relief of Poland. In the face of the accumulating evidence of German and Austrian requisitions in Poland, some mention of which you will find in the enclosed telegraphic correspondence with Polish organizations in the United States, I fear it would be impossible to enter into any arrangement with regard to the scheme until the German and Austrian Governments have prohibited the export of all foodstuffs from Russian Poland and have guaranteed that native stocks of foodstuffs shall not be drawn upon to maintain the occupying army.

"If, and when, this were done, it might be possible to come to an arrangement with you allowing of the importation of certain articles into Poland, in return for undertakings on the part of German and Austrian Governments to supply an adequate ration and other necessary articles, and to give you a free hand in the distribution of all stocks of foodstuffs thus made available.

"But prohibition of export and the guarantees mentioned above must be regarded as conditions precedent to any further discussion, since the measures are demanded by the situation now existing, quite independently of the question of imports, and the fact that they have not yet been put into force constitutes evidence that the German and Austrian Governments will never co-operate in any work undertaken in the interests of the population of Poland."

NICKEL REFINERY

Promise of Canadian Plant Made to Premier Borden by International Company

OTTAWA, Feb. 7.—Correspondence laid on the table by Sir Robert Borden today shows that the International Nickel Company had, a year ago, promised to build a nickel refining plant in Canada.

Replying in January, 1915, to the Prime Minister, who had asked them to establish a Canadian plant, the company stated:

"We will grant your request and erect in the Dominion at such point as seems in our judgment most economical for operation, a plant for the refining of nickel of such initial capacity as will assure to Great Britain and Canada within themselves the production of finished nickel to the extent of their requirements."

GENERAL COUNT PORRO
Italy's representative on the Allies' War Council.

Birds of a Feather

BERLIN, Feb. 7.—King Ferdinand of Bulgaria is coming to Germany, it is learned, to return the visit paid by Emperor William to the King at Nish, Serbia, on January 18.

Seeks Arrest of Members

SOFIA, Feb. 7.—The state attorney has asked the Bulgarian Parliament for authority to arrest thirteen of its members, constituting the so-called Ghenadieff group (adherents of M. Ghenadieff, formerly Minister of Foreign Affairs), for "accepting bribes from a French agent." The case created a great sensation in Bulgaria some time ago when the facts were first divulged. The request was referred to an appropriate committee.

HOUSE AT WORK IN NEW CHAMBER

Resolution of Condolence on Death of Sir Charles Tupper Adopted—Messages Touching on Loss of Building.

OTTAWA, Feb. 7.—Despite the fact that much confusion existed in the large Victoria Museum Building, in which Parliament is now located, the House today succeeded in doing a good day's work, just as much as would have been accomplished in the old chamber. Owing to the strenuous exertions of the staff of the Department of Public Works, a transformation has been wrought in the museum building, although considerable remains to be done before Parliament will settle down in comparative comfort to finish the work of the session.

Within the new chamber everything looked spick and span. Additional desks, with leather-seated chairs, had been provided for the leading members on both sides of the House. A bright green carpet covered the aisle separating the members of the two parties, and a thick matting covered the rest of the floor. Provision had been made for the members of the press gallery on the platform immediately behind the Speaker's chair.

The business of the session was confined largely to the passing of a resolution of condolence on the death of Sir Charles Tupper, the answering of questions and a debate on the question of the desirability of establishing a system of labor bureaus, as called for in a resolution moved by Hon. R. Lemieux, and which the Government declined to accept. Hon. Robert Rogers moved an amendment in more general terms, which was acepted by Mr. Lemieux and passed.

The resolution of condolence was as follows:

"Resolved that the House of Commons, desires to express its deep sense of the loss sustained by Canada and the Empire in the death of the late Right Hon. Sir Charles Tupper, Bart., for many years a commanding figure in the Parliament and Government, of which he played so great a part. Sir Charles Tupper's name and career will ever be held by Canadians in intimate association with the progress and upbuilding of our country. Full of years and honors, he has passed away, leaving behind him a long and impressive record of public service. The House of Commons avails itself of this opportunity to record its tribute of respect to the memory of one of its most distinguished members."

Sir Robert Borden read a number of messages of sympathy on the loss of the Parliament Buildings. Among them was one from the Prince of Teck, Governor-elect of Canada, as follows: "Lament irreparable loss of the beautiful building. Congratulate you on your merciful escape."

John Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalist party, cabled: "All Ireland filled with indignation at brutal outrage. Accept deepest sympathy."

Another message was from General Alderson, commander of the Canadian troops at the front, as follows:

"I and all the Canadian corps wish to express our deep regret at the deplorable loss of the Parliament Buildings."

Supposed to Be Bomb

BORDEAUX, Feb. 7.—A small metal tube supposed to be a bomb has been found on the British steamship Hanningion, which arrived here last Friday, flour laden, from New York. The tube was concealed among some sacks of flour, where it is thought to have been placed after the steamer left New York. An investigation is being made.

Sir Edward Carson Must Rest

LONDON, Feb. 7.—Sir Edward Carson, formerly Attorney-General, has been ordered by his physician to take a five weeks' rest. He is suffering from exhaustion due to his activities of the last four years.

DOCTOR BURNED BY CRUEL TURKS

American Named Simon, Located at Urumiah, Savagely Murdered Because He Refused to Turn Mohammedan

ARMENIANS KILLED BY TURKS AND KURDS

Many Barbarous Acts Told of by Medical Missionary Who Escaped—Was Threatened With Death.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 7.—Jacob Sargis, an American Methodist medical missionary, who has arrived in Petrograd after escaping death at the hands of the Turks and Kurds in Urumiah, Persian Armenia, asserts that among the outrages committed against Christian refugees was the burning to death of an American doctor named Simon, or Shimmun, as he was known there. His identity was not further established, but the story of the outrage as told by Dr. Sargis was as follows:

Dr. Shimmun was in the village of Supurghan when the Turks attacked that place. He was among those who took refuge on a mountain near the lakes. He was captured and told that he had been a good doctor and had helped the wounded, and they would not kill him, but he must accept the Mohammedan faith. He refused, as almost all Christians did. They poured oil on him, and, before applying the torch, they gave him another chance to forsake his religion. Again he refused, and they set his clothes on fire. While running in agony from the flames, the Turks shot him several times. After he fell to the ground unconscious they hacked his head off.

Mr. Allen, an American missionary, who went from village to village burying the remains of victims of this butchery, found the body of Shimmun half eaten by dogs.

The Catholic mission took 150 Christians of all sects and kept them in a small room and tried to save them, but at least forty-nine of them, among them one Bishop Dinka, of the Episcopal mission, were bound together one night, taken to Gagin Mountain and there shot down.

Dr. Sargis was born in Persia, but went to America in 1893, and was educated there by the assistance of Dr. W. F. Oldhal, former bishop of India. He is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan and Ohio Medical Universities, and for a time was resident physician of the Protestant College at Columbus, Ohio. Dr. Sargis was doing relief work in Urumiah on January 1 last, when the Russian army retired from that city, followed by 14,000 refugees from Urumiah and a hundred surrounding villages. The hardships and sufferings endured by these refugees were described in Associated Press dispatches.

Work of Extermination

There were still left in Urumiah and the villages 45,000 persons, chiefly Armenian refugees, when the Turks and Kurds entered. The latter at once began the work of extermination of the Christian population. In one town alone, Gulfarchia, in one night, according to Dr. Sargis, seventy-nine men and boys were tied and taken to a hill outside the town and shot. Their wives and daughters were distributed among the Turks and Kurds.

Dr. Sargis continued:

"On the second day after the Turkish officers came they had a good many wounded and sick. As soon as they heard that I was an able physician they took me, gave me a body guard and put me in charge of the Urumiah hospital. That was how I came to learn of their secrets; I helped their wounded and sick. One day there were sixty men brought from Bashkal, all well-to-do citizens, some of them noted men of that place. They were used as beasts of burden, forced to carry rolls of barbed wire into Urumiah. The next day they were all taken to the castle of Ismayil, and every one was shot or hacked to death.

Wholesale Slaughter

"About that time, Nuri, the Governor of Gavr, told me that he had received word from the Turkish commander to kill all the Armenian soldiers in the Turkish army. He said that for my sake he would not do it, but that somebody else would. Twenty-nine were killed about fifteen miles from Urumiah at Karmad. We had eight of them in the city, fine fellows, some of them educated in Beirut. They had been disarmed, and one night the Turks took them to the suburbs and shot them. But one of them, named Aslam, escaped. He dropped with the others, but was not hit. After the butchers left he made his way to the Presbyterian mission college. I was notified and asked to take care of him. I kept him until the Russian army came. He joined them and is now fighting with the Russians.

"In the first Turkish corps, commanded by Khalil Bey, there were about four hundred Armenians. One of them, Gulbankyan, a graduate of Beirut, told me that they were all doomed to be butchered. When they appointed me head physician of the hospital they gave me plenty of helpers, including seven Christian nurses, six Arabs and one Greek. Gulbanyan told me that if I did not help them they would be killed. An Arab doctor, Bahadin Effendi, was appointed to work under my direction. My Greek nurse warned me that Bahadin had already killed more than fifty Armenian Christians, and cautioned me to watch him. One night about 10 o'clock Bahadin sent for me, saying that he was sick. Fortunately for me, the Greek and two Armenian nurses went with me. When I reached the hospital I found that Bahadin was not sick at all. When I reached the hospital he said, 'What business have you to disturb me at this time of night? Your coming shows that you have some design upon my life.' I told him that it was a mistake; that I had been told he was sick, and went away. At the bottom of the stairs I was overtaken by an officer, who said that the doctor was not done with me. I protested, but was ordered to go back. So I put my trust in the Lord and went.

Threatened With Death

"The doctor greeted me with the question: 'Who gave you permission to leave the room?' and continued, 'you are a prisoner and will never see the light of tomorrow's sun.' I told him that I was an American citizen and that I was helping the wounded for the sake of humanity. He cut me short by saying: 'This is war time. The top of you hat is green.' That means that you are a descendent of the prophet and it will give me pleasure to destroy your life tonight. I must think how I shall kill you. I would throw you out of the window, but that would be too quick. I would shoot you, but that also too good for you. I shall have to use my sword. You sit down there in that corner and these Turkish nurses will sing your funeral before I cut you up.' The Turks began to sing, I had no choice but to sit and listen. My bodyguard, the Greek and two Armenian soldiers, the latter my servants, stood outside the door and when they heard the singing they thought it was all over with me. The Greek told my bodyguard to enter and if he saw me to say that the patients wanted to see the doctor. All of a sudden I saw him enter with a lantern. He saluted the Effendi and said 'the patients wanted the doctor.' I did not give Bahadin a chance to say a word. I was up and out and down in the street in about two seconds. When I got to the outpost they yelled from the windows to stop me, but they were too late. My bodyguard and the Armenians and the Greek stood close behind me and I got away. I reached home about midnight. My wife and children thought I was already dead."

Dr. Sargis turned the tables on the Arab doctor by alleging that he was insane and having him put on a milk diet, notwithstanding he was a doctor in the Turkish army.

German Savage Also

"Soon after the Russians left Urumiah," continued Dr. Sargis, "a German machinist named Neuman, who came in with the Turks, announced himself as German consul. By his orders a Christian by the name of Mushi was hanged. Neuman had promised me he would release Mushi, but overnight he sold him to the Turks for $250. An Englishman named Jonathan George, well known in Tabriz, a relative of my wife, was whipped by orders of Neuman. In the village of Garajulan a young Christian with a wife and two children was killed by a Mohammedan. The murderer took the wife and children, promising to protect them. But while crossing a bridge he threw the children into the river and kept the woman in his house until the Russians came and liberated her. At Ardassa seventy-five women and girls went into the sea to escape the Turks. They refused to trust promises of safety if they came out, and all were shot as they stood in the water. Eighty-five hundred died in the vicinity of Urumiah in five months, 1,500 were killed and the rest died of cold and hunger.

"During the days of the Turkish occupation it was no unusual sight to see an old woman carrying the body of her daughter or son to a place of burial, digging the graves herself or with the aid of other women."

French Aviator's Success

PARIS, Feb. 7.—Sergt. Pilot Guynemer, of the French flying corps, has just brought down his fifth German adversary and has been mentioned for his exploit in an official communication. He flies alone and says his great aeroplane makes ninety miles an hour.

Budapest Borrowing

BERLIN, Feb. 7.—The city of Budapest has arranged a loan of 22,000,000 kronen through Austro - Hungarian banks to meet its running expenses.

GERMANS FEAR RAID ON KIEL

Authorities Announce Precautions for Safety of Population—Review of Operations in Several War Theatres.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—Except on the front in France and Belgium, little fighting had been reported in the war zones. Paris tells of the bombardment of German positions near Het Sas and Steenstraete in Belgium, the destruction of a German blockhouse between the Oise and the Aisne and effective work by the French batteries in the Artois and Champagne regions. French shells in the former sector caused powerful explosions east of Arras, and a great fire in the Champagne near Challerange.

The Germans have been busy with their artillery against the British around Loos, while the British in return have bombarded German trenches near the Ypres-Roulers railway.

The Vienna War Office reports the situation unchanged on all fronts where Austrian troops are fighting.

Nothing has come through concerning the reported concentration of troops of the Teutonic allies in the region of the Greek border.

A Copenhagen dispatch indicates that the authorities at Kiel are fearful of an Allied air raid there. The populace has been notified that a siren will give advance notice of a raid, and that in case raiders come the people should not unduly expose themselves.

The semi-official Overseas News Agency, of Berlin, says there are now 1,429,171 prisoners of war in Germany. This number, it is declared, does not include prisoners the Germans left in Austria-Hungary.

A London newspaper is authority for the statement that Earl Kitchener, British Secretary for War, will leave the War Office to undertake work of more important character elsewhere.

For the second time during the war, Prince Oscar of Prussia, fifth son of Emperor William, has been wounded.

Awaits Move on Salonica

GENERAL SIR BRYAN MAHON
Commander of the British forces in Greece. The commander-in-chief of the Allied forces defending Salonica is General Sarrail.

SHIPOWNERS WARNED

British Board of Trade Again Points to Danger From Work of Enemy Agents

LONDON, Feb. 7.—The Board of Trade has issued an official warning to ship owners and merchants of the possibility "of foul play on British and neutral ships through the machinations of enemy agents," who in numerous instances are declared to have caused fires and explosions.

The warning says that great ingenuity has been displayed in endeavoring to work damage to vessels. In one case it was found that the wood used for packing purposes had been so treated that it would burst into flames under slight friction. Ship owners are requested in the warning to satisfy themselves that no firm having enemy interests shall have anything to do with the handling of a ship or cargo in which they are interested.

TO CARRY FOOD FOR BELGIANS

Problem of Transportation Is Temporarily Solved by Government Requisitioning Belgian Steamships.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—The work of feeding the people of Belgium and Northern France has been gravely imperilled lately by inability to charter sufficient shipping to carry the relief food. The problem has been temporarily solved by the Belgian Government requisitioning, at the request of the relief commission, all ships flying the Belgian flag. The Belgian Government has passed a law, which has been signed by King Albert, compelling all Belgian ships to enter the immediate service of the commission, no matter what future charters they may have accepted.

Vessels which are loading or on voyages will be permitted to fulfill their contracts, but on arrival at their ports of destination must be turned over to agents of the commission immediately. The commission will receive in all about twenty ships fitted for overseas traffic. This tonnage will provide one-third of the total required in the relief work.

These ships will be placed under the flag of the commission, which, by agreement with the belligerents, protects them from any form of attack. They will be placed in regular service to Rotterdam from ports of the United States, River Plate and India.

The most valuable ship requisitioned is the Red Star liner Samland, normally a passenger steamer, but now used as a freighter.

OFFICERS IN DISGRACE

Two Canadians Dismissed From Service by Court-Martial—Third Is Fined

LONDON, Feb. 7.—The following notices were gazetted tonight:

Captain John G. Gray, 8th Canadian Mounted Rifles, is dismissed from the service by sentence of a general court-martial (passed Jan. 16). Lieut. Charles Morten, of the Canadian force, is fined 150 for parading at Salisbury, wearing a Victoria Cross and the uniform of a lieutenant-colonel without authority. He has also been committed for trial on a charge of fraud. Lieut. Morton was arrested in the Salisbury Bank. He escaped from the constable, but was recaptured after a short chase.

Lieut. R. H. Potter, of the Canadian infantry, has been dismissed from the service by order of a general court-martial.

No Ultimatum to Roumania

LONDON, Feb. 7.—The Government has received definite information that there is no foundation to the report that the Central Powers have delivered an ultimatum to Roumania.

RUSSIAN MINE WRECKS TRENCH

Damage Done to Austrian Position North of Bukowina—Successful Reconnaissance in Dvina Region.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 7.—The following official communication was issued today:

"In the Riga region there was a heavy artillery duel. In the region of Jacobstadt there was a successful reconnaissance along the Roussey River beyond the enemy's entanglements, putting the Germans to flight.

"In one sector of General Letchibky's line, north of Bukowina, we exploded a mine under the enemy's trench entanglements. "The explosion wrecked the trenches and damaged the entanglements.

"In the same region, Cpl. Glouschenko, who is in reality a girl named Tcherniavika, and who volunteered for scouting duty, got through the enemy's entanglements, and, despite a serious wound in the leg and the fracture of a bone, accomplished her object and returned to our trenches."

"Caucasus front—In the coast region our troops, having passed the Arkhave River, attacked the Turks and dislodged them from a series of trenches one above the other. On the northern shore of Lake Van we occupied the region east of Dildjevaskal. In Persia we drove back the enemy in the region of Kangavar."

The following official communication was issued last night:

"On our west front aeroplane flights by the Germans in the district of Riga and south of Ikskul continue. Our aviators threw bombs on the station at the city of Mitau and the railway bridge over the Aa River.

"On one sector of General Ivanoff's front our scouts, having discovered a system of enemy mines, connected it by wire with their own trenches and exploded forty mines.

"In Galicia, on the Brzezany road, we suppressed by our artillery fire enemy attempts to approach our positions. In the region of Bojana (Bukowina) the enemy made violent attempts with trench mortars and hand grenades to win back craters which we had taken from him on Thursday night.

"Caucasus front—We continue to press the enemy throughout the whole region. In all their attempts at the offensive the Turks have been repulsed, suffering heavy losses."

Patriotic Acre Scheme

WINNIPEG, Feb. 7.—Mr. R. McKenzie, Secretary of the Manitoba Grain Growers, announces that $20,000 has been realized, as a result of the patriotic acre scheme in Manitoba.

No Luxuries

BERLIN, Feb. 7.—The Tageblatt announces that it is informed from a semi-official source that a ban on the importation of articles of luxury of every description is impending.

FRENCH SHELLS WORKING HAVOC

Cause Powerful Explosions and Great Fires at Different Points in Enemy's Lines—Blockhouse Destroyed.

BOMBARDMENT ON BELGIAN FRONT

British Gunners Also Exchanging Shots With Enemy—Berlin Report Says Artillery Fire Is Intense.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—The British official communication issued tonight says:

"Except for some enemy artillery around Loos, and the bombardment of enemy trenches near the Ypres-Roulers railway, the day has been quiet.

French Report

PARIS, Feb. 7.—The following official communication was issued tonight:

"In Belgium our artillery further bombarded the small Vauban fort near Het Sas and the enemy trenches in front of Steenstraete.

"In Artois the fire of our batteries caused powerful explosions in the German lines near St. Laurent, northeast of Arras. Between the Oise and the Aisne, an enemy blockhouse was destroyed at La Lisiere near Bois d'Ours camp.

"In Champagne a bombardment by our heavy artillery of the enemy establishments near Challerange caused a great fire.

"There has been reciprocal cannonading on the rest of the front."

Terrific Intensity

BERLIN, Feb. 7.—Artillery engagements of terrific intensity have been in progress in the sector between La Bassee and Arras, in Northern France, and south of the River Somme, army headquarters announced today.

FOR CRIPPLED SOLDIERS

Military Hospitals Commission Takes Steps Towards Their Vocational Re-Education

MONTREAL, Feb. 7.—Steps toward inaugurating a system for the vocational re-education of crippled soldiers were taken at a meeting of the Military Hospitals Commission of Canada, held here on Saturday. It was decided to appoint competent vocational instructors for the various convalescent homes where returned soldiers are being cared for. In this way it would be possible to determine just what line of work each man is best fitted to pursue. A definite programme to deal with the re-educating of the men after this information is secured will be submitted at the next meeting of the commission.

The meeting, which occupied the entire day, was attended by the following members of the commission: Senator Lougheed, chairman; Sir Henry Pellat, Toronto; W. K. George, Toronto; Lloyd Harris, Brantford; Smeaton White, Montreal; Lieut.-Col. Walker, St. John; Hon. G. A. Seymour, Montreal; Hon. R. M. McGregor, New Glasgow; Lieut.-Col. C. Smith, Montreal; Hon. C. W. Fisher, Edmonton; D. L. McGibbon, Montreal; W. D. McPherson, K.C., Toronto; J. S. McLennan, Sydney, N.S.; Lieut.-Col. Potter, Ottawa; E. H. Scammel, secretary; T. B. Kidner, educational secretary, and Major F. S. Hatch, A.D.M.S., Montreal.

A report was submitted by the Provincial Employment Commission showing the approximate number of returned soldiers for whom employment had been found up to January 26, 1916. The total is 647, made up by provinces as follows: Ontario, 200; Quebec, 140; Nova Scotia, 30; British Columbia, 79; Saskatchewan, 33; Alberta, 99; Manitoba, 41, head office of the commission, 25.

Germany's Alleged Naval Plans

ROME, Feb. 7.—The Genzia Nazionale learns that Germany is making colossal preparations for a naval offensive in the Spring. She will have many ships of a new type, capable of withstanding torpedo attacks and armed with guns of 42 centimetres (16.6 inches), and perhaps 50 centimetres (19.7 inches). Convinced of the impossibility of obtaining a decisive victory on land, Germany will attempt a grand coup on the sea, risking everything in order to paralyze the approaching offensive of the Allies.

German Atrocities

ROME, Feb. 7.—Letters exchanged between Cardinal Mercier, Primate of Belgium, and the German authorities have been published here, accompanied by hitherto unpublished documents which charge the killing of a larger number of Belgian priests than previously specified. Sacrilege and violation of nuns also are charged.

FIFTY YEARS AGO TODAY

(From The Colonist, February 8, 1866)

Direct Steam Contract—Tenders for the direct mail service between this port and San Francisco were opened yesterday and the contract was awarded to the Hudson Bay Company, which undertakes to make their fine steamer, the Labouchere, perform three, and if possible, four trips in two months, for the Government subsidy of $1,500, carrying the mails at the maximum rates of postage; cabin rates, $50; steerage, $15.

Sale of a Steamer—The capacious stern-wheeler Alexandra, which some months ago collided with the Fideliter, was knocked down yesterday at auction by Messrs. J. P. Davies & Co. to Mr. T. Pritchard for the small sum of [illegible].

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DYNAMITE EXPLOSION

Three Men Killed and Much Property Destroyed at Du Pont Works, Near Tacoma

TACOMA, Feb. 7.—An explosion of one thousand pounds of dynamite at the gelatine dynamite mixer house of the du Pont Powder Works at Du Pont, near Tacoma, at 11:36 this forenoon, blew three men to pieces, wrecked property valued at more than $10,000, shattered windows throughout the huge plant and in the town nearby and rocked and rattled houses miles away.

The dead are: John Bell, aged 31; Gus Wolff, aged 31; Nils P. Jess, aged 32. All were married. Wolff leaves his wife and two small children. The others leave wives only. The families of all the men live at Du Pont.

A Japanese steamship was due at Du Pont tomorrow to load munitions of war for the Russian Government.

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COMMISSIONERS ARE APPOINTED

R. A. Pringle, K.C., and Judge MacTavish Will Inquire Into Parliament Fire—One More Body Found.

OTTAWA, Feb. 7.—R. A. Pringle, K.C., of Cornwall, Ont., former Conservative member of Parliament for Stormont, and Judge MacTavish, of Ottawa, judge of the County Court of Carleton, Ont., have been appointed a commission to investigate the burning of the main block of the Parliament Buildings.

At noon today a gang of men was still at work looking for the bodies which are buried in the ruins, but no additional bodies had been found. Last night the remains of Dominion Policeman Desjardins were taken from the ruins. The body of Alphonse Desjardins, a plumber, uncle of the dead policeman, is still being sought. In what part of the building the body of B. B. Law, M.P., is likely to be found is not known, as it is not known under what circumstances he met his fate.

A strong gale which is blowing across Parliament Hill today threatens to bring down what remains of the main tower.

The Duke of Connaught went to the Victoria National Museum this morning to inspect the new accommodations for the Commons and Senate. His Royal Highness expressed his satisfaction that it had been possible to make provision for the conduct of the important business of the session without delay.

The body of Alphonse Desjardins, Dominion police constable, was uncovered by workers searchnig in the ruins last night. By his side was a line of hose with which he and his uncle, Alphonse Desjardins, and Robert Fanning, a waiter, had been fighting the flames. The bodies of the latter two have not been found.

Col. Sherwood, head of the Dominion police, declared he was satisfied that the investigation would establish that the fire was not of incendiary origin.

DUNCAN BOARD OF TRADE

Annual Meeting Held and Officers Elected for Year—Heavy Snowfall Causing Inconvenience

DUNCAN, B. C., Feb. 7.—The annual meeting of the Duncan Board of Trade was held on Thursday, February 3. There was a fair attendance considering the weather. An excellent report was submitted by the retiring president, Mr. Kenneth Duncan. The board accomplished valuable work for the community during the past year.

According to the figures submitted to the meeting, over three hundred thousand dollars' worth of farm produce was exported from Cowichan district during last year.

Officers for the ensuing year are: President, Thomas Pitt; vice-president, William Dwyer; secretary, Wm. McAdam; council, Messrs. Hadwen, Green, Anketel-Jones, Hanham, Smithson, Gooding, Roach, Smith, Campbell, Smythe, Kerr and Mutter.

A very heavy fall of soft snow continues today, blocking all the roads and paralyzing business. The present depth is three feet. The Victoria train arrived at Duncan 4 o'clock. The train from Courtenay arrived on time today at 4 o'clock, but owing to there being heavy slides on the Malahat it is remaining at Duncan whilst the snowplough endeavors to clear the road. There are few passengers aboard, amongst them being members of the Timber Wolves returning after furlough. The Cowichan Lake road is blocked. All the members of the 88th quartered here assisted the residents to break roads and clear roofs.

Messrs. Bradley-Dynes and H. Davies, at Somenos, had large new barns destroyed owing to the collapse of roofs. Mr. Davies had difficulty in extricating his cattle. No loss of stock is reported.

DUTY OF UNITED STATES

Mr. Alfred Noyes Thinks Country Should Intervene in Case Germany Rejects Fair Terms

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—In the event that the European war ends in a deadlock and the Allies offer terms of peace which Americans deem absolutely just and fair, it will be the duty of the United States toward civilization to enter the war on the side of the Allies. This conviction was expressed yesterday by Alfred Noyes, the celebrated English poet.

In an interview, Mr. Noyes said he did not think that this country, even viewing the situation solely from the viewpoint of its own interests, could afford to remain out of the war in the event that Germany, declaring herself able to support herself indefinitely, even if she could not defeat her enemies, refused to accept fair terms on which peace could be reestablished. But he thought it also would be as much the duty of the United States to the rest of civilization to insist on fair terms being met as early as possible as it was England's duty to stand up for the rights of Belgium early in the war.

Mr. Noyes told of a step that he believed should be taken after the war, regardless of how it turns out, in which the United States should take a vigorous part. He said that a conference of representatives of all the civilized nations of the earth should be held after the war, that this conference should resolve itself into a sort of trial jury, and that the various forms of government in vogue throughout the world should be placed on trial.

"Everybody has learned a bitter lesson from the present war," Mr. Noyes said, "and at last the world agrees that it simply ought not to be possible for less than a hundred men to press the button and fling millions of men into war."

Fire on British Vessel

LONDON, Feb. 7.—Fire broke out today on the British boarding steamer Peel Castle in the Straits of Dover, it was officially announced. There was no loss of life.

Cut in Salaries Probable

LONDON, Feb. 7.—The Daily Express says there is reason to believe that the coming report of the public service retrenchment commission will recommend that the salaries of members of Parliament be reduced from $[illegible] to $[illegible].

SOCIALISTS AND WAR

Memorial Service for French Leader Takes the Form of Popular Demonstration

PARIS, Feb. 7.—The memorial service Sunday for Jean Baptiste Hemanes, Socialist leader and former mayor of St. Gervais, who was a peace advocate, but was wounded on the battlefield and died in a German hospital, took the form of a great popular Socialistic demonstration. Among the speakers were Marcel Sembat, the French Minister of Public Works, and Emile Van der Velde, Belgian Minister of State.

M. Van der Velde called attention to the fact that the speakers at the manifestation were the same men who had before the war demanded that peace be maintained. They united today, he said, to demand war.

Their sentiments had not changed, continued the minister. "The present war," he said, "inspires them with the same horror and has made them more pacificist than ever. It is at the price of new sacrifices that peace and liberty will be assured. Socialism is opposed to wars of conquest and aggression, but is in favor of legitimate defensive wars."

MORE LETTERS OF VON PAPEN

Parliamentary Paper Issued at London Gives Documents Taken From Former Attache at Washington.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—Interesting additions to the Von Papen correspondence were contained in a parliamentary paper issued tonight. The paper gives the translations of all the documents taken from Capt. Franz von Papen, the former German military attache at Washington, and the full entries of his bank account, with facsimiles of cheques and stubs. The only revelation historically important is that Admiral von Hintze, who was German Minister to Mexico in the Spring of 1914 favored international intervention in Mexico.

Capt. Karl Boy-Ed, the former German naval attache at Washington, wrote to Capt. von Papen offering Admiral von Hintze's view and strongly defending President Huerta.

General Herwarth, of the German staff, wrote that the American military attache at Berlin, Major Langhorne, who left Germany early in 1915, was the bearer of letters to German officials in America. A letter from Edward Lyell Fox, an American correspondent in Berlin, contained a favorable opinion of the new Ambassador, Mr. James W. Gerard.

Prince Hatzfield and Ralph Seidenberg, of New York, wrote concerning the "stupidity and idiocy of Americans," whom the latter termed "Yankees."

George Sylvester Viereck, editor of The Fatherland, went on record as "thoroughly ashamed" of his country.

Geo. von Skal, former commissioner of accounts of New York City, and a newspaper correspondent, who was on Capt. von Papen's salary list, wrote to Maximillan Harden, the German editor, lauding Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador at Washington, and describing the widow of Count von Sternberg, the former Ambassador at Washington, as decrying Count von Bernstorff's work.

HUDSON'S BAY RAILWAY

Total Expenditure on Project Up to End of Last Year Was Over Fifteen Millions

OTTAWA, Feb. 7.—A statement of expenditures on the Hudson's Bay Railway project indicates that up to January 1, 1916, $15,465,304 had been expended on the scheme.

There had been expended on the railway itself up to January 1, 1916, $10,446,592, which included expenditures on bridges, trestles and culverts of $683,166.

On harbors and approaches $5,018,711 had been expended up to January 1, 1916, including $163,012 on bridges.

Some 378 miles of the road had been graded and steel laid to Mile 242. Steel is expected to reach Port Nelson early in 1917, and it is expected that the harbor will be ready for traffic, though incomplete, about the time the railway is ready for operation.

CRUISERS ON GUARD

French and British Vessels Patrolling Waters Off Entrance to Hampton Roads

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Feb. 7.—British shipmasters in port today reported that two Allied cruisers, one British and the other French, are patrolling the coast off the Virginia Capes. Since there is no probability that the German prize Appam will put to sea in the near future, marine men take the presence of the warships to mean that the Allied governments expect other prizes captured by the mysterious German raider to be brought to Hampton Roads.

Collector Hamilton said tonight he had received no word from Washington concerning the status of the Appam or of the thirteen Germans, formerly civil prisoners of Britain, who requested that they be allowed to land from the Appam.

The Appam today was allowed to load 200 tons of coal for port use.

Burbank Company

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 6.—The Luther - Burbank Company, formed three years ago to sell Burbank products, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy today. The assets were given as $108,559 and the liabilities as $78,372. Luther Burbank filed suit against the company on December 29 last to collect $9,775 on two notes given him.

Impaled on Hay Fork

MILVERTON, Ont., Feb. 7.—David Schultz, the eight-year-old son of Noah Schultz, a farmer living five miles from here, met a horrible death yesterday. He fell from the top of a silo and was impaled on a hay fork.

Dr. Ford Verrinder, dentist, has resumed practice. 510 Campbell Building. Phone 5677

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GERMAN OFFER TO BE ACCEPTED

Opinion Largely Held at Washington That Compromise in Regard to Word "Illegal" Will Conclude Negotiations.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—President Wilson will take up with his Cabinet tomorrow the latest communication which Germany hopes will bring the negotiations over the Lusitania case to a termination satisfactory to the United States. Official indication or announcement as to whether the offer is satisfactory is expected soon thereafter.

The President did not request Secretary Lansing to come to the White House for a conference today, and the conference which had been planned did not take place. The Secretary expects to discuss the latest proposal with the President tomorrow, and it is believed in Teutonic diplomatic circles that Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, may be summoned to the State Department some time during the afternoon, and informed of the decision of the United States.

Confidential advices received today from high official quarters to the effect that the expressions of optimism regarding the outcome of the negotiations which have been heard in certain official and diplomatic circles are not without foundation. Chairman Stone, of the Senate Foreign Relations committee, declared after conferring with the State Department that he believed the case was practically settled.

It was said at the State Department that the position of the Government today in regard to the Lusitania case was identical with the position taken at the time the last note was sent to Germany. Secretary Lansing flatly denied the truth of the statement attributed in press dispatches to Dr. Alfred Zimmerman, German Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, to the effect that "new demands" had been made in the case at a time when the German Government considered the negotiations virtually were at an end. The German view, as reported here, is that the agreement now offered goes as far as German officials consider possible toward meeting the views of the United States.

Germany has agreed that reprisals must not be directed against any other than enemy subjects. It has become known that the German Government expresses the hope that it may have the opportunity to co-operate with the United States in some action looking toward freedom of the seas before the end of the war.

MELTING SNOW CAUSES FLOODS

Willamette Valley and Oregon Coast Districts Report Damage—Traffic on Railways and Roads Blocked.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 7.—Flooded lowlands and damage in varying degree were reported tonight from various points in the Willamette Valley and from Southern Oregon coast districts. A stage of eighteen feet was attained by the Willamette River at Eugene, but the crest of the flood passed late in the day. Communication between Eugene and surrounding towns by wagon roads was cut off, and eight landslides on the Natron branch of the Southern Pacific Railway tied up traffic.

At Corvallis water was running over the tracks of the Oregon Electric Railroad tonight, and thousands of acres of lowlands were flooded.

A stage of twenty feet was reported from Albany, with the Willamette River still rising fast. B. F. Swander, a rancher, and his family were reported imprisoned on the upper floor of their home near Pirtle, with flood waters blocking their escape until the flood should subside.

At Brownsville the Calipoola River had risen twelve feet in as many hours. Many small farms were inundated as the result of a break in a levee. A flock of fifty sheep had been drowned, and sidewalks were afloat and basements flooded in the towns.

In Portland the river was rising rapidly, but had not reached the danger stage. The weather bureau estimated that the crest of the flood would reach here on Thursday, but serious damage was not anticipated. Colder temperatures, with consequent lessening of the thaw, were forecast for tomorrow.

Railway Tracks Washed Out

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Feb. 7.—Ten miles of Southern Pacific Railway track is under water between Beaver Hill Junction and Myrtle Point, and passengers between Coos Bay and Coquille are being transferred by launch. The water in the Coquille River is still rising, and is higher than any time since 1909. In several places the tracks are twisted from the foundations, and it is expected that traffic will be tied up between Coquille and Myrtle Point for several days. Between Arago and Myrtle Point the tracks are under seven feet of water.

Brewster Valley is cut off by the flood. The Coos River has overflowed many dairy ranches. Fences are washed away and fields covered with silt. Landslides occurred in several places, but no one was injured.

Edmonton Battalions

EDMONTON, Feb. 7.—Seven battalions in Edmonton are now at full strength or engaged in recruiting. They are the 51st, 63rd, 66th, 138th, 151st, 194th, and the 202nd, Sportsmen's Battalion, which began recruiting today. With these battalions filled, Edmonton and the surrounding district will have contributed more than 15,000 men to the Empire.

Fined for Contempt of Court

MONTREAL, Feb. 7.—Mayor Martin and ex-Controller Hebert were fined $1,000 each in the Justice Court this afternoon for contempt of court. The case arose out of their refusal to accept service of an injunction in connection with the tramways franchise proposals.

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CANADIAN CASUALTIES

OTTAWA, Feb. 7.—Tonight's casualty list follows:

8th Battalion
(Severely Wounded)
Pte. Thos. Hogan, Driver, Sask.

7th Battalion
(Wounded)
Pte. A. McLean, Scotland.

8th Battalion
(Seriously Ill)
Pte. T. Wright, Red Deer, Alta.

16th Battalion
(Wounded)
Sgt. F. H. Ryder, St. Stephen, N.B.

15th Battalion
(Seriously Ill)
Cpl. W. E. Cummings, Columbus, Ohio.

16th Battalion
(Wounded)
Pte. F. L. Pearson, Haliburton, Alta.

13th Battalion
(Killed in Action)
Pte. W. Ross, Maxwell, Ont.

32nd Battalion
(Wounded)
Pte. John Tapp, Montreal.
Pte. Allen Boyd, Scotland.

24th Battalion
(Wounded)
Pte. Morris Adler, Montreal.

29th Battalion
(Killed in Action)
Pte. Alex. Taylor, Sydney, C.B.
(Wounded)
Pte. Thos. Partington, Westville, N.S.

29th Battalion
(Dangerously Wounded)
Lce.-Cpl. Ernest L. Lonsdale, North Vancouver, B.C.

29th Battalion
(Wounded)
Lt. L. A. Wilmot, Vancouver, B.C.

48nd Battalion
(Wounded)
Pte. D. S. McDowell, Campbellville, Ont.

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WAR CONTRACTS CORRESPONDENCE

Letters From Canadian Manufacturers' Association Conveying Complaints, and Sir Robert Borden's Reply.

OTTAWA, Feb. 7.—Correspondence between the Government and the Canadian Manufacturers' Association as to contracts, which was asked for by Hon. George P. Graham toward the close of the last session of Parliament, was tabled in the House this afternoon by Sir Robert Borden. In producing the correspondence the Premier said the Government had not secured the consent of the manufacturers to table the letters before the House rose in April last.

Allegations of favoritism in connection with war contracts are made in the correspondence, and it is also alleged that in the early days of the letting of war contracts, middlemen figured and that there were other irregularities.

It appears that on October 23, 1914, G. M. Murray, secretary of the Manufacturers' Association, wrote to Sir Robert Borden stating that there was dissatisfaction regarding the contracts, while stories were going around which created suspicion and distrust, causing harm to the Government. The suggestion was made by the secretary that the requirements of the Government be secured by tender and contract, and that Canadian manufacturers be given preference, everything else being equal.

The Premier replied that he agreed that supplies should be secured by tender, but as regards the first overseas contingent, he pointed out the urgency of placing orders. If they had followed the tender plans, he said, the force could not have been equipped in two months. The Premier asked for further details of the criticisms. Later, on November 30, the Premier again wrote saying that if there were suspicions, Mr. Murray should submit the facts at once.

Mr. Murray in reply said that the Canadian Manufacturers' Association did not want to make any charges, but instanced a number of complaints. One complaint was that of E. Buffum, of the Hendel Manufacturing Company, motor makers, who waited from 9 in the morning until 1 o'clock to have the Minister look at a war cycle outside the militia buildings. When the General came out he refused even to look at the cycle. Another complaint was from the International Harvester Company. They had built a special wagon for war purposes, but despite repeated requests could find no officer who would even inspect it.

Other Complaints

The correspondence contained a complaint from G. W. Douglas, of the firm of Thornton & Douglas, who claimed that H. W. Brown, director of contracts, had informed him that Mark Workman, in Canada, only could make uniforms. Uncivil treatment from Mr. Brown was complained of by Mr. Douglas and by several other firms.

Complaints of middlemen alleging they had influence to secure orders were made by Mr. Murray. Another complaint was that John M. Dodds, of the Alton Knitting Mills, assisted by Richard Blain, M. P., secured an order for 3,000 blankets, which, it was alleged, was farmed out to J. Walshaw, of Bolton, Ont., at a large profit.

Sir Robert Borden made an inquiry into the first case cited by Mr. Murray and replied to the Canadian Manufacturers' Association on February 19. Dealing with the charge of lack of official courtesy, Sir Robert Borden pointed to the strain and pressure under which the officials were working during the early days of the war. The charge that business had been conducted through middlemen, he said, was not borne out by the facts. Officials knew nothing of the middlemen referred to by Mr. Murray. In regard to the contract let to John M. Dodds, which it was claimed was farmed out, Sir Robert said that the contract had never been filled by Dodds, the Alton company or Walshaw, and had been cancelled.

Sir Robert in his letters replied to all cases cited by Mr. Murray, arguing that in each case there was nothing to justify the allegations made by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association.

EFFECT OF SNOW

All Schools in New Westminster Are Closed—Wild Birds and Beasts Suffering

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C., Feb. 7.—The school trustees have closed all schools in the city owing to the deep snow and to sickness among the teachers. In some of the classes only one or two children have been putting in an appearance.

Snow is reported to be six feet on the level around Crescent, and some unusual sights have been seen in the last few days. Pheasant by the hundred have been lining the Great Northern tracks, and innumerable wild ducks, which usually feed in the marshes, now find them frozen over and covered with snow and are hovering in the vicinity in great clouds. The frequency with which the tracks of cougars and other wild animals are seen and the realization that they must be getting desperately hungry is causing a rather uncomfortable feeling among the women.

ARTILLERY AND AIRCRAFT

Considerable Activity of Both Along Italian Front—One Aviator Boats Of Two of Enemy

ROME, Feb. 7.—The following communication was issued tonight:

"In Trentino and Carnia there has been the customary artillery and scouting activity. Along the whole of the Isonso front intense activity by the enemy's aeroplanes and artillery is reported. Our artillery replied effectively and compelled the airmen to keep at great heights.

"In the Zagora section of the middle Isonso, one of our aviators attacked boldly, two enemy aeroplanes, forcing them to retire owing to the accuracy of his machine gun fire."

VIENNA, Feb. 7.—The following official communication was issued today:

"The situation everywhere is unchanged."

Earl of Kinnoull Dead

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Archibald Fitzroy George Hay, twelfth Earl of Kinnoull, died yesterday at Hove. He was born in 1855 and served with the staff of Baker Pasha, in Egypt.

BY INCENDIARY BOMB

Opinions as to Origin of Fire That Destroyed Manufacturing Plant in Ottawa

OTTAWA, Feb. 7.—One member of the firm of Grant, Holden & Graham yesterday gave voice to the opinion that an incendiary bomb with a time fuse had been placed in a closet in the sample ground floor room of the plant, where Friday night's fire started. In a trice it had spread to the floor above, and in two minutes over three floors of the building.

Another opinion of one member of the firm is that an incendiary bomb had been deposited in the sample room.

Grant, Holden & Graham, up to Friday night had half a million dollars' worth of war contracts, and a large stock of shirts was stored in the upper floor of the building. The firm was recently urged to complete an order for the 77th Battalion. Members of the firm are satisfied that the fire which wiped out their plant was the work of alien agents or sympathizers.

VARYING VIEWS ON OTTAWA FIRE

New York Herald Accepts Theory of German Incendiarism, While World Thinks Origin Accidental.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—The Herald on Saturday, discussing editorially the Ottawa fire, said:

"The destruction of the Parliament Buildings at Ottawa caused a thrill of indignation in this country because of the moral certainty that the deed was due to German conspirators.

"It is not the custom in this country to jump at conclusions, and yet the case resembles the operations which were fastened to Capt. Von Papon and his superiors in connection with other outrages in Canada.

"When Germany is at war she stops at nothing. No moral or social law serves as a check. Terrorism and frightfulness go hand-in-hand with smiles and purrings. 'Holt' placed the bomb which exploded in the capitol at Washington. 'Holt' fired the shots at Mr. Morgan, but to this day there is a deep conviction that there was an influence behind Holt which forced the fugitive murderer on, and which at the proper moment furnished him the opportunity to commit suicide in the true German spy style."

The World said: "There is a considerable doubt that a German spy set fire to the Ottawa Parliament Buildings. The chief of police rejects that theory. No war peril existed in Albany when on March 29, 1911, fire in the capitol cost one life and some millions in property, including a wealth of books and manuscripts that could not be replaced—a loss that Ottawa in greater part escaped.

"In Ottawa, as in Albany, it may seem strange that a building so important and monumental should burn so readily. But the flames broke out in the reading room, where fuel was abundant, and cold weather hampered the firemen's work in the Canadian Winter. Doubtless in rebuilding, modern heat-resisting construction will be used.

"The loss is not Ottawa's, not Canada's, alone. The building was one of the most majestic of its kind. In it there was nothing colonial or imitative. It may almost be said to have led in partial reaction from Renaissance to Gothic forms in public works of its character. Its cornerstone was laid seven years before the completion of the British House of Parliament, more than twenty years before the ornate splendor of Budapest was begun. The French Gothic revival came earlier, but was of different character.

"The destruction of a national monument is a loss to the world. To have had this trouble added to burdens already heavy will command sympathy for our Canadian neighbors."

MANITOBA LEGISLATURE

Precautions Taken Against Possible Efforts to Destroy Building—Law Courts and Power House Contracts

WINNIPEG, Feb. 7.—Precautions are being takekn by the Manitoba Government against a repetition in Winnipeg of the disaster to the Parliament Buildings at Ottawa. Premier Norris in the Legislature said tonight that the guard of the Parliament Buildings had been increased. No one knew that the Ottawa calamity was the work of German agents, but the suspicion existed.

Hon. T. H. Johnson reported that, as the result of an investigation by the royal commission into the construction of the law courts and central power house, the Government will save $275,000. After the inquiry had been under way a short time the contractors agreed to cancel their contracts and accept payment for the value of their work. This was fixed by a board of valuators at $955,522 for the law courts, and $139,857 for the power house. For the law courts the Government's original obligations amounted to $1,201,172.35, and for the power house, to $137,436.59. C. H. Simpson and Co. were the main contractors. They sublet various parts to the National Construction Co., Thos. Kelly and Sons, and various other firms. All the contracts were awarded by the late Roblin Government.

The House gave its third reading to Hon. Dr. Thornton's bill providing for compulsory education.

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Dr. Helfferich, Secretary of German Treasury, Makes Reply to Sir Edward Holden —Puts on Brave Face.

BERLIN, Feb. 7.—Dr. Karl Helfferich, secretary of the German Imperial Treasury, today replied, according to the Overseas News Agency, to questions asked by Sir Edward Holden at the annual meeting of the London County and Midland Bank, of which Sir Edward Holden is managing director. In addition to replying to Sir Edward's questions regarding Germany's finances, Dr. Helfferich in turn interrogated Sir Edward with regard to the finances of Great Britain.

To the question whether German assets in foreign countries still exist, Dr. Helfferich said billions of German assets were being withheld by England under receivership and against law and equity. He then asked what conclusion was to be drawn as to English finance from the fact that Great Britain, through Sir Edward, floated a loan in the United States to strengthen the exchange rate of the English pound.

With regard to the decrease in German exports, Dr. Helfferich explained that Great Britain's exports had shrunk by half, and that imports, inclusive of those of the Government, had increased to such an extent that the balance of trade against Great Britain was now £500,000,000 instead of £110,000,000 as formerly.

To Sir Edward's question whether Germany's foreign security holdings had not all been sold, Dr. Helfferich replied that Great Britain's search of the mails on neutral ships for foreign securities "and the discoveries made on these occasions must sufficiently edify Sir Edward regarding the actual existence of large German holdings of such securities."

Dr. Helfferich, with regard to the charge of the inflation of the German paper circulation, said the war credit banks, mortgage banks and insurance companies never issued bank notes. He said also that the Reichsbank statement did not mention an ounce of gold which was not in the bank's vaults. He said reports of riots in Germany in which hungry women were shot down by the military were inventions. As to future taxes in Germany, the secretary said the war was costing two shillings per head of the population in Great Britain as against one shilling in Germany.

Mysterious Airship

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Feb. 7.—Osborn Coffey, a rancher, today reported having seen a mysterious airship again on Sunday night when it flew inland and played a searchlight oceanward, occasionally lighting up a ship that lay about three miles off shore. An automobile party reported having seen an aircraft late Sunday afternoon flying two miles from shore, headed towards the islands.

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Tuesday, February 8, 1916

MILITARY TRAINING

It hardly seems possible that two years ago we were told that the way to keep the nation at peace was to be utterly unprepared for war. It hardly seems possible that we used then to be told that the Boy Scout movement was wrong because it would lead lads to look upon war as a natural way of settling disputes, and that the cadets in the public schools are being brought up to regard bloodshed as eminently right and proper. When we recall some of the things that were said at meetings in Victoria two or three years ago and some of the letters, not all of them published, that this paper used to receive, we are amazed that there could have been any large body of public opinion supporting such views. What an awakening it has been. We all have learned much since August 1, 1914. We have learned that unless there can be universal disarmament, and such a consummation seems a long way off, it would be as foolish for a nation to hope to remain at peace by being unprepared for war, as for a city to hope to prevent fires by abolishing its fire department. We must be prepared.

Everyone of us hopes that when this war has ended there will be a long period of peace, but no statesmanship can ensure it. We all hope for the end of militarism, but the snake may only be scotched, not killed. The extermination of the Prussian spirit will not mean that every danger of war will be removed. Every liberty-loving people must stand ready to defend freedom; every nation that is inspired by the principles of Christian civilization must qualify itself to be its champion.

One of the marvels of this war has been the neutrality of Switzerland. Her borders have been inviolate. She served notice to all belligerents that her soil and the air above it were sacred and must not be invaded. The case of Holland has been different. It was the interest of Germany that the neutrality of that country should be respected; but in the case of Switzerland there has hardly been a week in which it would not have been to the advantage of Germany to have been able to trespass upon the mountain republic. But she has not dared do so, and what is the reason? Is it not to be found in the fact that every male Swiss of military age is a trained soldier? We can think of no other answer. Switzerland has been at peace because she has been prepared to resist aggression.

We are probably correct in assuming that the Dominion Government has not yet considered what military policy it will propose to the people of Canada after peace comes, and it is very desirable that when such a policy comes to be considered it should be regarded from a national standpoint and not simply as a party question. Therefore we think the time appropriate to begin the discussion of it. Any legislation to be effective must express the sentiment of the people, and we know of no better way in which public sentiment can be ascertained than by public discussion.

The position of Canada in respect to the rest of the world is one of the utmost importance and will play an exceedingly weighty part in the world politics of the future. We have in the Dominion more than a heritage of wealth; we have a heritage of incalculable responsibility. Canadians of the present generation are assisting to the utmost of their ability to settle great problems having their origin in military circles in Central Asia; the next generation may have to do its part in solving even greater problems originating somewhere else. We must be prepared. No observant resident of the Pacific Coast ever deludes himself with the idea that when the Potsdam military ring has been broken beyond repair the problems of the future, problems that perhaps can only be solved by arms, will have been disposed of. As we stand facing the North, with our right hand we touch Europe, with our left hand we touch Asia, and he must be singularly unobservant who has not been able, even before this war, to see in this fact incontrovertible evidence that Canada's part in the future will be one that will demand preparedness.

We profess to neither the knowledge nor the ability to evolve a policy that will measure up to the future requirements of Canada. We only claim to have some general idea of what those requirements may be, and we have before us the example of Switzerland. These lead us to the opinion that Canada will never be fully prepared to discharge her duty in the future unless hereafter every young man shall undergo military training for a sufficient length of time to qualify him for national service when called upon to give it. Much of the opposition to military training has come from labor organizations which have held, and we think honestly held, that what they have misnamed militarism is hostile to the interests of labor, but the war will convince them that the working man is just as much concerned in national preparedness as anyone else. In New Zealand every man is trained and there is no better developed democracy anywhere than in the Island Dominion. Much more might be said on this subject, but this will do for the present, and we only shall add what we think is timely advice to the people of Canada. Study your country in its world aspect; note what has taken place in Europe and what is transpiring in Asia; endeavor to realize the magnitude of the issues you may be called upon to assist in deciding, and you will realize that of the people of the world you least of all can afford to remain unprepared for self-defence.

A LITTLE PLAIN TALK

There are streets in this town with a building on every lot and yet without so much as a trail through the snow on the sidewalks. What is the matter with people? We have often pointed out that one of the weaknesses of this community is the fact that people are indisposed to help themselves. They are eternally waiting for somebody to help them. They have not even enough energy to shovel the snow off the sidewalks. Some people say they will not do it because there is no law to compel them to. Well, we are not aware that there is any law to compel a man to wash his face.

In nothing have the people of Victoria ever displayed such a conspicuous lack of citizenship as they have shown in connection with the snow. Of course, a certain percentage of them are wholly unaccustomed to such conditions, but many of them come from localities where the police would have had them at work days ago. Personal inconvenience does not seem to cut any figure with them. For goodness' sake, get out and clear away the snow.

LAND SALES

There will always be two sides to any line of policy involving the alienation of the public domain, and there is no aspect of politics upon which a demagogic appeal to the unthinking can be more successfully made. Unutilized areas yield nothing to the benefit of the people of the country and the great desire of all governments in new lands is to get as much as possible of the public domain into the hands of persons who will use it to the best advantage of the community. The demagogue professes to believe that this can be better done by giving it to settlers than in any other way, but we venture to say that not one of the individuals who are so keen about the rights of the pre-emptor, would pre-empt a quarter of a section if the Government would send him out to it in a motor car. The eager pre-emptor in whose path the McBride Government was alleged to be standing is chiefly a myth. There has been a great increase in the number of pre-emptions in this Province during the past few years, due to the improved means of communication, and Sir Richard McBride never said a truer thing than when he stated it would be little short of criminal to encourage settlers to take up land before means of access to it were provided. Notwithstanding this increase in pre-emptions the result of the opening and wide advertising of certain excellent areas for pre-emption last year did not demonstrate that there exists any such land-hunger as certain critics of the late administration would have had us believe.

We know of only three methods that can be followed in order to get settlers upon the land. One is to permit them to acquire it either by purchase or pre-emption without assistance being extended to them in any way by the Government. This policy has prevailed in British Columbia since the earliest days and the result has been that agricultural production has fallen very far short of the requirements of the population. It is not only idle nonsense, but it is grossly unjust to say, as the Liberal papers and speakers allege, that the extensive land sales made a few years ago retarded production. The man who asserts that, if no land had been sold to "speculators," there would not have been any appreciable difference in the importation of farm produce is either hopelessly ignorant or wilfully deceptive. A false issue has been raised on this point. Is there any sane man who will pretend that if five or six years ago no land had been sold in the country now made accessible by the Grand Trunk Pacific or to be made accessible by the Pacific Great Eastern, there would by this time have been any appreciable increase in the marketable supply of farm produce? Does not every one, who is at all informed upon the subject, know perfectly well that some years must elapse under the most favorable circumstances before the pre-emptor is able to supply his own needs? Yet Mr. Brewster, Leader of the Liberal party, has on more than one occasion, if memory serves, advanced the proposition that the land sales of a few years ago afford an explanation of the shortage in agricultural production.

A second method of getting settlers on the land is some plan of assistance to settlers. Two experiments at least in this direction have been attempted in British Columbia, one at the north end of Vancouver Island and one at Bella Coola. We maintain that these experiments were worth what they cost; but we remember how the predecessors of the present Opposition assailed the Government of the day for them and alleged that they were acts of the grossest folly. We do not say that these experiments were conducted with the greatest wisdom; we only point out that the people, who now condemn the Government for not assisting new settlers, are the political successors of those who condemned the Government when it attempted to do so. In our judgment a well-considered policy of assisted colonization would be found very useful in this Province.

The third method is the enlistment of private enterprise in getting settlers upon the land. This has been found to be a very successful method in many parts of this continent and especially in the Dominion. Private enterprise can do what a Government cannot do for reasons that ought to be obvious. It can "hand-pick" its settlers; it can make up small colonies of persons who have been neighbors in their former homes; it can make contracts with individuals to meet their particular cases; it can do just as seems best in every case, for it is not bound down by any statutory provisions in dealing with individuals. Of course, private enterprise would expect to make a profit out of such business, but that would be a matter between the vendors and purchasers. The extensive sales of a few years ago, and about which the Opposition are never tired of clamoring, must have been made because the purchasers expected to be able to dispose of the land to actual settlers. Nobody wants to buy Crown lands simply to hold them and pay a 4 per cent wild land tax upon them. If conditions had continued as we all hoped they would six or seven years ago; if the Grand Trunk Pacific had been completed as soon as was expected; if financial stringency had not set in, there is no doubt at all that a very large portion of the areas referred to would have been in the hands of actual settlers, greatly to their advantage and that of the Province generally. But we were all disappointed. We all reckoned without our hosts. Private plans came to nought in thousands of instances in which sales and purchases of land were involved, and the Government simply experienced what nearly every enterprising man in the Province had to put up with, namely, a disorganization of its plans.

It is for the present administration to devise a means of meeting the conditions resulting from the policy of its predecessors. Only a very little of the land of which we speak as sold has been alienated by the Crown, and it is for Mr. Bowser and his colleagues to discover an equitable plan of dealing with those persons who have made payments on account of the land they wished to acquire. We believe the public have no desire that they shall be treated otherwise than equitably.

A COMMENDABLE MOVE

The decision of the B. C. Electric Railway Company to use its transportation facilities to establish emergency coal depots at strategic points in the outlying sections served by the street railway, will meet with very hearty commendation. It will serve to lift the blockade which since the advent of the exceptionally heavy snowfall has deprived many people of the ordinary facilities for getting supplies of coal. When coal in sufficient quantities has been stocked at the centres of distribution the company stands ready to utilize its facilities in like manner for the better distribution of groceries and other supplies during the period of stress occasioned by the present snowfall.

The company has in this exceptional season had its share of trials, but it never failed to demonstrate that it is not unmindful of the interests of the people, and its latest action will earn for it that generous measure of commendation which it deserves. We may add that its offer to provide emergency transportation facilities in Victoria does not stop here, but that it has arranged to utilize its tugboat for the carrying of supplies to families who are in distress in the Sooke district.

VALUABLE TESTIMONY

Mr. Alexander Lucas recently delivered an address at Sacramento upon Agricultural Credits, which was very favorably received, and among other evidence of appreciation has elicited the following letter from one of the most prominent rural economists in the United States:

University of California, Berkeley, Jan. 22, 1916.

Alex. Lucas, M.L.A., Vancouver, British Columbia:

Dear Mr. Lucas,—Your address at Sacramento is proving an educational document of increasing value. The University had it mimeographed and it is being sent all over the United States. I am sending you under separate cover two copies.

The members of the class in Rural Institutions were given it at the outset of the study of Rural Credits, and what they have learned there has stimulated an interest in the full report of your Commission. At their request, I am writing to ascertain if a copy of that report could be obtained for each of the 35 members of the class. If these are available, we shall be glad to remit whatever expense is involved.

I assume that you have seen the new Rural Credits Bill introduced in Congress. In one sense it is a disappointment, as it makes no provision for helping the poor man to become a landowner. Its whole field is limited to providing cheaper money to those who can give ample unincumbered mortgage security. It is a valuable preliminary measure, but will not accomplish the same results as the recent Act of your Parliament.

Trusting that our boys may be able to obtain the documents referred to, I am,

Sincerely yours,
ELWOOD MEAD,
Professor Rural Institutions.

It is hardly necessary to add that the copies of the report asked for have been forwarded Dr. Elwood Mead.

Testimony of this kind as to the value of the Agricultural Credits Act is very gratifying, as one of the chief items in the Opposition campaign of slander has been this important piece of legislation and Mr. Lucas' connection with it. Nothing is more to be regretted than that a political party in its lust for office will not hesitate to decry governmental acts of the greatest usefulness and vilify those who have been in any way instrumental in promoting them. It will be recalled that Mr. Rose, Minister of Lands, has been subjected to all manner of attacks because of the legislation in connection with timber lands, notwithstanding the fact that it has been characterized by experts in the United States as the best that has ever been passed by any legislative body in America.

Suggestion to Mr. Pearce: Speaking of superfluities, how about the snow?

For the second time in something like half a century Victoria has been inconvenienced by a snowfall, but to hear some people talk you might think this sort of thing is a common experience, and the knocker is very much in evidence.

The manner in which the electric light and telephone services have been maintained in Victoria during the storm is deserving of the highest praise. The few interruptions that occurred were promptly remedied. This reminds us that, though we have very many more conveniences than our fathers had, we are not half as independent as they were. Are we being spoiled by having so many things done for us by other people?

Alarming rumors have been circulated within the past few days that the local Meteorological Office has been predicting a continuance for some weeks of the severe weather that has been experienced here. In no instance have such been rounded on fact. The Meteorological Office never assumes to forecast more than twenty-four hours in advance, and the forecast is always based on the prevailing conditions over the area wherein conditions arise that affect the weather here. Any statements made to the effect that the Meteorological Office has forecasted weather conditions for a period longer than twenty-four hours can at once be discredited.

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And wearily we fly, but fail to find
A nook to hide our bodies from the frost,
Or shield us from the cold and bitter wind.

The cruel snow has numbed our nimble feet,
With shaking feathers and with beaks apart
We mutely plead for but a scrap to eat
To give us strength another day to start.

We ask but little from your plenteous fare—
A few rolled oats, chopped apple, or boiled rice,
Bird seed—if just a trifle you can spare,
Or bread crumbs, will our little needs suffice.

With anxious eyes we watch the window bright,
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WILL MAKE ARENA PERMANENT BARRACKS

Likely That Entire 88th Battalion, Victoria Fusiliers, Except One Company, Will Change Quarters.

With two companies of the 88th Battalion, Victoria Fusiliers, quartered outside the recognized bounds of the Willows Camp owing to circumstances which have arisen in the course of the last few days the question has been raised as to what permanent arrangements are to be made for their accommodation.

Lieut.-Col. Kirkpatrick, the camp commandant, was questioned yesterday as to what was likely to be done. He did not think it probable that the soldiers would be brought back to the building which they had been occupying, and which was condemned after the snow storm of last Wednesday. There was no doubt that the present situation, which finds the battalion scattered into four separate sections, one at Duncan, a second at the Belmont Block, a third in the Arena Building and a fourth in the Willows Camp, could not be continued. While he was not in a position to make any authoritative statement he thought that the entire unit would be settled in the Victoria Arena and that structure would be included within the bounds of what is known as the Willows Camp.

It is said that the auditorium within which Victorians have been accustomed to watch hockey matches, or to indulge in the pleasant recreation of skating, can be made to house the 800 or 900 men of the Victoria Fusiliers, who are established in this city (one company being permanently at Duncan) very comfortably. Of course, the interior will have to be rearranged, but no time is to be lost in this work and when it is completed the men will have more space, and altogether be much better off, than they have been heretofore.

LIEUT. BASIL N. AYLMER

Son of Lord Aylmer, former inspector-general of the Canadian militia, who is reported in a recent casualty list to be seriously ill. He left here as a member of the 30th Battalion, having enlisted at Nelson and came to Victoria with the draft from that city for overseas service. He was given a commission in France. He was a private when he left for the front. Lieut. Aylmer came to British Columbia about six years ago with his family, and lived on a farm near Nelson until shortly after the outbreak of war. He formerly lived in Ottawa, where he was well known. He and his brother Jack played football with the Ottawa club and he was known as one of the greatest plungers in the game. He was also a keen hockey and baseball player.

WAR PICTURES SEEN BY LOCAL SOLDIERS

Majority of Uniformed Men of Community Accept Hospitality of B. C. Electric Railway Company

An opportunity was given yesterday to all the soldiers quartered in Victoria, or in the districts adjacent, to see the war pictures being displayed at the Royal Victoria Theatre. Lieut.-Col. Kirkpatrick, the camp commandant, stated that, in view of the courtesy of the B. C. Electric Railway Co., which was responsible for the invitation to the men, arrangements had been made to grant all, with the exception of the few engaged on permanent duties, the necessary leave. He explained that the different units had not been formally paraded to the theatre, it being left practically to the men's discretion as to when they should attend the entertainment. Judging by the crowds of uniformed men who flocked in and out of the house yesterday there is no doubt that the great majority accepted and appreciated the company's hospitality.

The war pictures will be repeated today and tomorrow.

MILITARY NOTES

The epidemic of mumps which broke out among the men of No. 1 Company, Western Scots, appears to be under control. Seven cases developed several weeks ago. They have been isolated and all those afflicted are doing well. Since then there have been no further developments, so it is expected that, in a short time, it will be possible to remove the restrictions which have been applied to the entire battalion in order to prevent the further spread of the malady.

The entire 67th Battalion was engaged yesterday in cutting and hauling wood from the neighboring beaches in order to keep the barracks warm. It is hoped that the A. S. C. will be able soon to furnish the soldiers with an adequate supply of fuel.

As the members of the 67th Battalion, Western Scots, have been ordered not to mingle with men of other units because of the outbreak of mumps among them, Lieut.-Col. Kirkpatrick, camp commandant, has announced that they will have the exclusive use of the camp pool room from today until further notice.

Double your happiness by sharing it.—Charles Garvice.

WILL MUSTER WESTERN TROOPS AT SEWELL

Large Summer Training Camp to Be Established in Manitoba to Include British Columbia Units.

All overseas troops in training in district No. 11, which includes British Columbia and the Yukon, who have not left for England by May 1, 1916, will be assembled at Sewell, Manitoba, where a monster camp is to be established.

An unofficial intimation to the foregoing effect was made by Brigadier-General John Hughes, inspector-general of Western Canada, while in this Province some days ago. The General explained that it was proposed to form in the Dominion two large military training centres at which all the officers and men, still on this side of the Atlantic, would be mobilised in order that they might pursue their military education under conditions as near as possible resembling those prevailing at the front.

One of these was Sewell, Man., and the other Valcartier, Quebec.

To the former will go all the Western battalions and to the latter all those established in the East.

The term "Western," in this instance, is taken to embrace all the territory between the Pacific Coast and Fort William or the Great Lakes.

Muster of 20,000

While there is no means of telling exactly how large the Sewell encampment will be under the circumstances outlined it is estimated that it will include at least 20,000 soldiers. This is putting it most conservatively, as at the present time there are twelve authorized battalions in District No. 11 alone, as well as numerous sections of other corps, detachments, etc. As for the Prairies there are known to be nine in Winnipeg alone, to say nothing of all the other centres and districts of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. It is presumed that many of these units are so advanced in their training that they will be moved to the Old Country before the Spring but, even so, a glance at the present position of affairs leads to the conclusion that to place the Sewell muster at 20,000 is to be on the safe side.

The arguments advanced in favor of such a concentration are almost too well known to require recapitulation. They are the same as those which resulted in the formation of the Vernon camp last Summer. The country around Sewell, in the first place, is said to be admirably adapted for manoeuvring. To have a large body of men available for training, it is said, will facilitate the practice of manoeuvres on a scale that will bring valuable experience to both officers and men. Then, too, the department, it is pointed out, will be able, as was done at Valcartier on the occasion of the first contingent, to direct its resources and energies to providing one centre in the West with all the facilities for musketry and other work so essential in the preparation of a man for the kind of fighting now in progress on the continent.

OLD ASSOCIATES MEET

Seven Old Boys of Collegiate School Accidentally Encounter Former Instructor, Staff Sergt. Clarke

An interesting meeting occurred at the Post Office on Saturday when seven Old Boys of the Collegiate School met their old drill instructor, Staff-Sgt. Clarke, 5th Regiment, C. G. A. They noticed some changes in each other's appearance. While Sgt. Clarke looked a trifle older to his former charges he had lost nothing of the soldierly bearing and carriage which, with other characteristics, won him general respect and impelled obedience. The seven old boys are in the army, all having commissions, and one, having returned from the front, proposes starting back shortly. Their names are: Capt. H. Scharshmit, 102nd Battalion, C. E. F.; Lieut. G. Proctor, 102nd Battalion, C. E. F.; Lieut. D. Picken, 143rd Battalion, B. C. R.'s; Lieut. C. Gonnason, 5th C. G. A.; Lieut. K. Wilkinson, Independent Company of Rifles; Lieut. P. Smith, 172nd Battalion, C. E. F., and Lieut. C. N. Galer, 3rd Divisional Train, C. E. F.

48TH BATTALION TO SERVE AS A UNIT

Force Recruited and Trained in Victoria Has Been Made Line Corps Because of Its Efficiency.

That the 48th Battalion, C. E. F., which was recruited in Victoria and spent a long period of training at local barracks, is to go into action as a unit, is stated in a recent letter from a member of that corps to a relative here. He asserts that, after working hard at Shorncliffe, the force is to be converted from a depot into a line battalion, which announcement has been received with much enthusiasm among those affected. He says:

"It will be interesting to the friends and relatives of the men of the 48th to know something of their doings.

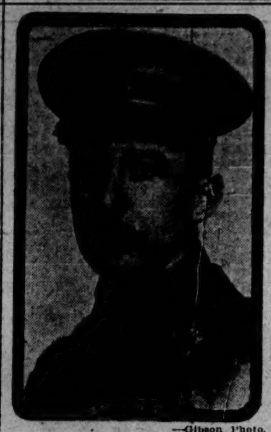
"They have a brass band, the pride of their commanding officer's heart, and a grand battalion.

"Do the people in Victoria appreciate the fact that the 48th was always a depot battalion, meaning that it is put in barracks in England and remains there for the war as a base corps, its men and officers being drafted to the front from time to time into other battalions?

"The 48th, by sheer efficiency and the hardest kind of work, has been removed from a depot corps and is to go to the front as a unit. No other Canadian depot corps has ever been made a line corps. The 48th is Victoria's first battalion to go to the front. It takes work, and hard work, to get there, but it can be done, and all credit and glory to the noble boys of the 48th.

"Canadians are in great demand in the air service, as they are considered more venturesome and daring than the average English chap. Six have gone from one battalion alone."

Col. A. T. Ogilvie, the D. O. C., will leave today for the Mainland. He will be away on official business for about ten days.



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LIEUT. ARTHUR CREASE

A well known Victoria officer who is with the 54th Battalion, Victoria Fusiliers. He is attached to No. 2 Company of that unit.

ONLY HEARD WAR WAS ON A WEEK AGO

"Scotty" Returns From Trapping Expedition, Learns of World Struggle and Immediately Joins the Colors.

One of the strangest incidents of a tour of the Coast towns to Major Hagar, of the 102nd Battalion, was to meet a man, known to him as "Scotty," who had not heard of the war until a week ago. It appears that he had been in the wilds of British Columbia engaged in trapping. Having gathered together a respectable lot of furs he came away from his forest home shortly before the recruiting officers arrived. To Captain Hagar and his associates he admitted that he had not known that the greatest nations of the world were at grips and that nothing would please him more than to take a hand in the game for the cause of the Empire. He enlisted forthwith, passing the medical examination readily. All he wanted was to get through his training as a soldier at the earliest possible moment and get to the front to take an active part in the fighting.

Travelling by launch among the islands of the northeast coast of Vancouver Island and off the seaboard of the Mainland, Major Hagar returned to Victoria yesterday after canvassing a large number of small communities in search of recruits. He left from Comox, the unit's training centre and was gone ten days. With him were Mr. P. F. Scharschmidt, Dr. Montgomery, Lieut. R. C. Burde and Cpl. J. Dick. Their experiences were many and varied, and through their excursion there now are twenty more of the finest type of the manhood of British Columbia in the ranks of the 102nd with the prospect that double that number will follow.

While there were no others quite so far behind in their news of the situation as "Scotty," Major Hagar found that the handloggers, who were found along Serge Bay and in other nooks and crannies of the Coast, were not much better posted. They knew that there was some kind of a "squabble," but that it was really serious and that their country was struggling through the crisis of its history had not occurred to them. The majority, when informed of the facts, were much surprised and it is to their credit that most of these strong and husky British Columbians, on learning that their help was really needed, dropped their axes, saws, etc., and followed the officers.

This was the condition in almost every community which was given a call. The work of the recruiting party at Manson's Landing is typical. Captain Hagar heard that there was to be a meeting of the Agricultural Society on a certain date and so timed his itinerary as to reach there on that day. In the evening the majority of the male residents were assembled in the little store and gathered comfortably about a glowing fire. It did not take long to dispose of the local association's business, after which the visitors were given a hospitable reception and an opportunity offered them to address the gathering. Lieut. Burde was elected to do the speaking. In eloquent and forceful terms he made his appeal on the Empire's behalf. As a result the secretary of the organization joined and another young man volunteered, but pointed out that it was possible he would not pass the medical examination. His surmise proved correct, but, with the secretary of the Agricultural Society belonging to the 102nd, it is felt certain that all other men of the district who are willing and medically fit will be secured.

Incidentally the military expedition was able to to do good service in the case of a woman who was seriously ill. The patient was Mrs. Macdonald, wife of Mr. Peter Macdonald, the hotel proprietor of Shoal Bay. The district's resident doctor, with the assistance of Dr. Montgomery, performed an operation which, it is believed, saved her life, and which would not have been possible but for the latter's providential arrival.

Some of the points touched at were Valdez Island, Van Anda, Whale Town, Cortez Island, Manson's Landing, "The Gorge," White Rock Bay, Serge Bay, Granite Bay, Thurston Bay. Lieut. Burde, Cpl. Dick, Dr. Montgomery and Mr. Scharschmidt are continuing the tour. They intend "doing" Alert Bay, Hardy Bay and Kingcombe Island.

Major Hagar says there now are at least 500 men of the 102nd at Comox and Courtenay. In the former community they have taken possession of the town hall, an old hotel, and other temporary quarters while in Courtenay they have quarters in a restaurant building and elsewhere. They all are very comfortable and are only awaiting the clearing of the weather to commence active training. In the meantime they are receiving all the exercise necessary to keep them in the best physical condition.

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TIMBER WOLVES WILL AGAIN SHOVEL SNOW

Men of 103rd Battalion to Clear Esquimalt Road—Strength Now Stands at 930

The snow blockade on the Esquimalt line of the British Columbia Electric Railway will receive the attention of the full strength of the 103rd Battalion at 8:30 o'clock this morning. The men will stay with the work until 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

It was announced last night that the number of men enlisted in the 103rd Battalion now totals 930. There were the regular practice drills during the morning and afternoon yesterday, while in the evening the men went to the Royal Victoria Theatre to see the "Fighting for France" pictures. The men were guests of the B. C. Electric Railway, which took this way of showing its appreciation of the work done by the Battalion last week in clearing the snow from the street car tracks.

News of Father's Death—Parks Constable W. P. Allen yesterday received the sad news of the death on January 6th, at Davenport, England, of his father, at the age of 91 years. Despite his age, the late Mr. Allen was hale and hearty until after the New Year, but an attack of bronchitis proved fatal after a short illness.

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LIEUT M. H. SCOTT

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Special Course Opens Today in Connection With 67th Battalion—Sergt.-Major Clements, R.C.E., Instructor.

The practical training which the 67th Battalion, Western Scots, have been undergoing is to be continued with the utmost vigor in spite of the weather. It is the opinion of the officers that the unit will be required to leave for England on active service at an early date, there being every reason to believe that it will be one of the battalions called on as a result of the War Office's request for more Canadian troops. It is intended that every officer, N.C.O. and man shall be in the best possible shape for the performance of the duties that will follow.

A course of instruction under Sergt.-Major Clements, R.C.E., is to be commenced this morning, and it will cover two weeks. The subject will be field engineering, and ten officers and twenty N.C.O.'s have been detailed to take it. It will be held every day from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. What the students learn of this very important branch of military education will be transmitted to the other members of the corps.

Sergt.-Major Brogan, who has been giving the Western Scots a schooling in first aid to the injured, will give his final lecture in the course of the next few days. He has taught every officer and man how to aid himself and his companions in the event of an emergency on the field. Throughout he has proved not only capable and interesting, but a very popular instructor. Members of the force have looked forward to their turns to attend his discourses on temporary attention to wounds, and none, who could avoid it, has ever missed such an event.

It has been decided that on Monday and Wednesday evenings all officers of the battalion must remain in camp to attend lectures by the C.O. and others.

Prince Oscar Slightly Wounded

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 7.—Prince Oscar of Prussia, fifth son of the Kaiser, has been slightly wounded in the head and on the upper part of the thigh by shell splinters during the fighting in the Eastern war theatre, according to a Berlin official report received here.

GETS A COMMISSION

Pte. M. C. Cockshoot, Who Left Victoria With 48th Battalion, Is Now Officer

Pte. M. C. Cockshoot, of the 27th Battalion, has been granted a commission in the 49th Battalion, C. E. F. He left Victoria with the 48th Battalion and was drafted into the 27th when ordered from Shorncliffe to the front. After serving several months on the firing line he received his promotion.

Lieut. Cockshoot is a son of the Rev. W. E. Cockshoot, of Nanaimo. His brother, who is with the 7th Battalion on active service, also has been recommended for a commission. Lieut. Cockshoot was junior partner of the firm of McLaughlin & Cockshoot, of Errington, B. C. He is well and popularly known throughout British Columbia and particularly on Vancouver Island, and the news of his success will be received with gratification by a large number of friends.

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CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

School Board Meets—Tomorrow evening the regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Trustees will be held at the board's office, when matters of a routine nature will be dealt with.

Donation from High School—The local branch of the Red Cross Society is in receipt of a contribution of $30.45 from the orchestra of the Victoria High School. This amount is the proceeds of a concert held recently.

College Classes Continue — Parents whose children are attending St. Louis College should not be led to believe that the order closing the city public schools until Thursday morning applied to that institution. The college will remain open throughout.

Red Cross Rooms Reopened — The Red Cross work rooms at the Temple Building were opened yesterday morning, after a suspension of business for several days, caused by the recent severe weather.

Oak Bay School Closed — Owing to continued bad weather conditions, the Monterey Avenue School, Oak Bay, will be closed today. Announcement of its re-opening will be given in the press.

Seek Naturalization — Yesterday the February term of the County Court was opened by Judge Lampman when two naturalization applications were allowed. Dates also were set for a number of trials. The list is somewhat smaller than usual.

Provincial Cabinet — Acting Premier Ross presided at a meeting of the cabinet yesterday afternoon. A large number of departmental matters were dealt with and approval was given to an additional number of nominations for police and license boards in various parts of the Province.

Main Entrance Only—Pursuant to the policy of precautionary measures for the protection of the Provincial Parliament Buildings decided upon last week, all persons calling at the buildings yesterday gained entrance through the main doorway, where guards were stationed. Other measures for the protection of the buildings, the nature of which it is not considered politic to make public, have also been put into effect.

Oratorical Contest—An oratorical contest was held on Thursday last at the University of British Columbia, under the auspices of the Men's Literary Society. Seven students entered. The gold medal was awarded to Mr. J. Hamilton, of Victoria, who is taking his first year at the university, and the opinion of the judges was shared by all who heard his eloquent and stirring speech. His subject was "Peace and the Present War."

Saanich Meetings — The reeve and councillors of South Saanich will have a busy time today. For the first time in two weeks they are able to reach the Municipal Hall, Royal Oak. At 10 o'clock in the morning there is to be a meeting of the finance committee, at 11 o'clock the works committee will convene, at 2 o'clock, after lunch, there will be the regular Council meeting. There is quite a lot of business to be discussed.

Northern Mail Service—According to information so far received at the Victoria Post Office, the mail service in the northern coastal districts of British Columbia has been remarkably well maintained through the Winter, and very few delays have so far been occasioned. Mr. Everard Fletcher, inspector of post offices, stated yesterday that as far as he knew there had been no obstructions caused by the recent stormy weather on the Coast and hinterland mail routes.

Lampson Street School—Although the High School section of the Lampson Street school, which has been closed, will open for work this morning, the graded school at the same place will remain closed for the rest of the week.

Cartoons Sold for Patriotic Fund—Mr. J. W. Bengough, of Toronto, who gave a cartoon entertainment in the Old Victoria Theatre last night, sold his sketches at the close of the evening for the Patriotic Fund. Five in all were disposed of at $1 each.

Women's Institutes — The advisory board of the Women's Institutes of British Columbia is at present holding sessions in Victoria, its duties being to make recommendations to the departments of agriculture relative to the coming season's work. Mrs. Dunn, of Chilliwack, is chairman; Miss Ravenhill, of Shawnigan Lake, represents Vancouver Island; Mrs. Johnson, of Nelson, represents Kootenay, and Mrs. Lipbett, of Summerland, represents the Okanagan district. Yesterday the members had an interview with the Hon. A. C. Flumerfelt, Minister of Agriculture, and Mr. W. E. Scott, Deputy Minister.

Bees Are Thriving—Provincial Taxidermist Whittier, of Victoria, who has just visited Texada Island in the Government launch R. G. Skinner, says there is no truth in the report made by Indians that the deer were dying from disease. A number of deer were seen and all were very lively and healthy, despite the hardships the heavy snows have imposed upon the animals. It had been feared that the deer might have been suffering from "fluke," a dangerous pest disease, and tests will be made upon a captured deer to finally determine the question of the presence of disease.

Soccer Scoke Residents — Yesterday arrangements were made by the B. C. Electric Railway Company to dispatch its tug, which is employed in running between the city and the Jordan River power plant, to Scoke and adjacent points on the West Coast, where a serious shortage of supplies is said to exist. It is feared that many of the residents in that remote settlement, shut off as they are from the main lines of communication by land, through the roads being heavily blocked, have suffered considerable hardships, and the dispatch of the tug, with an ample load of provisions, will do much to relieve the situation.

Visiting Notelman—Among Sunday's arrivals at the Empress Hotel was Mr. A. Alleston, manager of the Algonquin Hotel at St. Andrew's New Brunswick. He is on a vacation trip, the hotel being closed during the Winter months. The Algonquin, one of the most noted of the Atlantic coast Summer resorts, was built by the C. P. R. at the instance of the late Sir Wm. Van Horne. The golf courses are famous throughout the continent. In addition to the hotel the company operates a number of Summer cottages, which are rented to visitors who flock to St. Andrew's in large numbers during the hot period along the Atlantic coast.

Assault Charge—Tee Chan and Ah Wong, who are charged of assaulting Tim Sam, causing grievous bodily harm, were arraigned before the police magistrate yesterday. They were represented by Mr. J. Percival Wallis. A remand was asked for by Mr. C. L. Harrison, the city prosecutor, who explained that Tim Sam was not yet in condition to give evidence. He stated that it was possible that a more serious charge would have to be made against the prisoners, as there were indications that they attempted highway robbery. Mr. Wallis requested that the remand be to today, which was granted.

Treasury Block Statement—A credit balance of $484,733 was shown by the January statement of the city comptroller submitted to the Council last night. Credit balances aggregated $1,654,389 made up of the following principal items: General purpose sinking fund, $717,573; local improvement staking fund, $768,599; school purposes, loans, $56,635; water works loan, $24,700; sewer loan, 1913, $64,511; local improvement construction account, $63,652. Debit balances totalled $1,197,989, made up of local improvement advances, $735,837; Sooke Lake water works, $463,866; treasury bills redemption account, $285.

Agreement Completed—With the Selkirk water agreement between the city, the Cameron Lumber Company and the C. N. P. Railway signed by the two companies, the city can now withdraw its objections which were filed with Ottawa against the applications of both concerns for certain water rights in the upper harbor at the point where the railway company's bridge to the reserve will be erected. The agreement, the chief terms of which have already been published, was sent East for signature by the railway company and has been returned properly signed. The lumber company signed it some time ago and now the city will sign it.

Police Render Aid—Within the past two or three days the police department has proved of the greatest assistance in getting supplies to people who, through the snow blockade, have become distressed because unable to secure supplies. In many cases people in poor circumstances have been afforded relief, and the police sleigh, which took the place of the motor patrol wagon, has been kept busy. Especially in respect to cases being attended to by the Friendly Help has the police assistance been of great value, and in a number of instances sick people have been assisted. The two light sleighs which the department has been utilizing proved inadequate to the work and a more substantial conveyance is being constructed, the horses of the mounted force being used.

Swans Disgusted—The heavy snowfall has upset all the preconceived ideas which the swans at Beacon Hill Park have entertained regarding Victoria's reputation as an evergreen city. The swans, although occasionally showing roaming propensities, have hovered in the vicinity of the lakes at the park, but what with the cold snap which lately froze the lakes and then the subsequent deluge of snow, the birds have become cranky and disgusted. Their frame of mind has been indicated by their attempts to migrate from their accustomed haunts. Yesterday they started on a trek in search of more congenial surroundings. One got as far as the yard of St. Anne's Convent, and two others were making in the same direction when observed. The authorities were notified and the wanderers secured.

Saanich Conditions—The situation in Saanich Municipality now is practically normal. Residents, who for some days after the storm of last Wednesday were unable to get their supplies, are having little further trouble. All the main roads are open to traffic and practically every by street can be used. The railways are still unable to operate regularly, which is causing some inconvenience. The B. C. Electric Co. yesterday had thirty or more men engaged in clearing the interurban track, and it is expected that the service will be resumed today, at least as far as Wilkinson Road. Ranchers living in the extreme parts of North Saanich are not yet over their difficulties. Some of the thoroughfares in that locality have not yet been traversed by a vehicle of any kind, and it is said that a problem is likely to develop in securing feed and fodder for cattle at many places where the reserve is running low.

Final Band Concert — The twenty-second and concluding concert given by Rowland's Band at Pantages Theatre on Sunday evening was a great success, and long before the first selection the theatre was packed to the last seat. It was roughly estimated that about 700 people were turned away. During the whole performance many stood outside in the rotunda and on the adjacent sidewalk listening as best they could to the programme that was being rendered by the band and assisting artistes. When the curtain went up Bandmaster Rowland and his musicians were greeted with rounds of cheers, which subsided only when the selection was commenced. Never since the inception of these popular concerts have there been so many and enthusiastic encores. Mrs. J. Longfield, soprano; Master Willie Balagno, violinist; Mr. Jack Trace, baritone; Mr. F. J. Murphy, tenor, and Messrs. Jesse Longfield and Walter Charles accompanists, were those who contributed vocally and instrumentally. These artistes were the recipients of double and treble encores, and it was only with great reluctance that the audience allowed them to retire. The band was in its best form and the playing of the many selections and overtures reflected great credit on the musicians and their energetic conductor. There have been large attendances at all of the twenty-two performances given this season, but the collections have fallen off.

THE WEATHER

Meteorological Office, Victoria, B. C., at 8 p. m., February 7, 1916.

SYNOPSIS

The barometer remains low along the Coast, and to the southward, and decidedly mild weather with rain is reported in the states of Oregon and Washington, while on Vancouver Island, the lower Mainland and in Kootenay considerable snow has fallen. It is probable milder weather may extend northwards from the Sound districts. Zero temperatures continue in the Prairie Provinces.

TEMPERATURE

Victoria	32	33
Vancouver	30	32
Kamloops	4	74
Barkerville	—14	2
Prince Rupert	18	40
Atlin	—14	6
Calgary	—8	6
Winnipeg	—24	—16
Portland	32	52
San Francisco	52	58
Port Arthur	14	2
Penticton	18	30
Nelson	18	28
Cranbrook	1	12
Toronto	12	18
Ottawa	8	20
Montreal	12	24
St. John	20	28
Halifax	32	42

SUNDAY

Highest	33
Lowest	21
Average	27
Temperature on ground	21
Rain—.02 inch. snow—1.5 in.	

MONDAY

Highest	32
Lowest	23
Average	28
Temperature on ground	20
Snow—0.1 in.	

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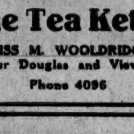
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Basketball on wheels as played by the famous Imperial troupe of cyclists last night at Pantages Theatre is a most fascinating game to watch. It needs unlimited skill and daring on the part of the contestants to manoeuvre the ball while riding, but the three young women and two men in the troupe manage it as if the air was their natural element. This is but one of the daring stunts of this clever quintette who last season were the feature performers with Barnum and Bailey's famous circus.

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sense are the outstanding traits of "The Cannibal Maids," played with a full chorus of pretty maids, and featuring Gus Elmore, a well-known musical comedy favorite, who acts with gusto the part of the cannibal chief. There are several delightful musical ensembles in this bright and snappy comedietta, and the scenery and mounting are all that can be desired.

Frank Bush is the best story teller heard here in many years. That is all his act consists of—storytelling—but it is all done so neatly, and the point of the story is so well brought out that he always is a great favorite.

Another of Pantages surprising acrobatic features is presented by the Steiner Trio, a trio of horizontal bar and comedy acrobatic artists. Grace McCormack proved to be a surprisingly good violinists, and was heard in a well chosen selection of classical and popular numbers. The remaining act on the bill was by Rice and Newton, a clever pair of singers, dancers and comedians, whose jokes were new and neat, the act proving a decided acquisition to the programme.

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OAK BAY OPENS ALL STREETS TO TRAFFIC

Enters Into Arrangement With B. C. Electric for Delivery of Coal to Relieve Fuel Famine.

The Municipality of Oak Bay has solved the first problem with which it was faced as the result of the phenomenal snowfall which blocked every avenue of traffic last week. Its streets are now opened up so that every section of the town may be reached. A big gang of workmen has toiled almost ceaselessly to accomplish the task and has left the roads and sidewalks sufficiently clear so as to cause very little inconvenience to traffic.

As is the case everywhere else, the fuel problem has become acute in Oak Bay. It was rumored yesterday that the quotations by some of the expressmen for the haulage of a ton of coal from the bunkers in the city to Oak Bay reached as high as seven dollars. Such a tariff would equal or exceed the first cost of the fuel. The municipality has now decided to take the matter in hand.

Reeve M. P. Gordon in an interview with Mr. A. T. Goward, the local manager of the British Columbia Electric Company, yesterday received an assurance that, as soon as the high power transmission lines were repaired, the company would transport three cars of coal out to the municipality to be placed at convenient points for distribution along its tracks. This undertaking the company volunteers without any cost for haulage. From the distribution points the householders will arrange for the delivery to their homes. Meanwhile the municipality is relieving much urgent needs as there is by offering coal for sale in small amounts at the yards on Granite Street.

MRS. MURRAY THAIN BELOVED OF MANY

Aged Worker for Connaught Seamen's Institute and Other Organizations Called by Death.

In the passing of Mrs. Murray Thain, whose death occurred on Sunday at St. Joseph's Hospital, many Victorians have lost a steadfast friend, and women's benevolent societies generally are deprived of one of their most active and interested members. The deceased lady, although 77 years of age, showed zeal and ardor in her work until only a few months ago, when failing health intervened and enforced her confinement to her home, and, later, her removal to hospital. Through the exercise of her many noble traits of character and her untiring efforts on behalf of the Connaught Seamen's Institute, the Women's Auxiliary to Missions and other institutions she became not only known, but endeared, to a vast number of people, who will learn of her death with a sense of great personal loss.

The late Mrs. Thain was born in New Brunswick in 1838, and came to this Province as early as 1860 with her uncle, the late Mr. John Mount Thain. She lived in Victoria a short time after her arrival on the Pacific Coast, and then returned to the Mainland, living at Burrard Inlet for many years. Before leaving here she married Capt. Murray Thain, who died some years ago. When the young couple went to the Mainland to live the place was little more than trackless virgin forest, with only a saw-mill and a few small houses to distinguish it from the surrounding territory. In 1870 they removed to Burrard Inlet, where they lived until 1907, when the union of nearly half a century was broken by the death of Capt. Thain. Thereupon Mrs. Thain came to Victoria to live with her brother, Capt. Oliver G. Harbell, at 813 Cook Street. Ever since that time she occupied a place of prominence in Victoria women's activities.

The Sailors' "Mother"

The late Mrs. Thain was popularly and aptly called "The Sailors' Mother." Ever since the establishment of the Connaught Seamen's Institute some two and a half years ago she took great interest in its progress, and took it upon herself to visit as often as possible any sick sailors who might be quartered in the city's hospitals. Her frequent calls were always welcomed by the sailors, as she invariably took with her some of the cheer and motherly love that immediately commanded affection.

Though her work on behalf of the sailors was nearest her heart, it was by no means the only labor of love which Mrs. Thain undertook during her eight years of residence in Victoria. A devout member of the Anglican Church, she became identified with the Women's Auxiliary to Missions, and worked with zeal to promote the babies' branch of that organization. In recognition of her valuable services, she was some time ago elected a life member. In the earlier days, as in the autumn of her life, Mrs. Thain divided her labor among all the branches of work for the Church of England.

While so actively engaged in public work, Mrs. Thain always entertained a strong family affection. Her sister was the late Mrs. Mary Anderson, wife of Mr. James R. Anderson, and the shock occasioned by her death only a few days ago unquestionably hastened her end. With Capt. Harbell is the community's sympathy, as it is also with Mr. J. R. Anderson, on the occasion of their double bereavement.

The funeral will take place this morning at 10:45 o'clock from the B. C. Funeral Chapel, and fifteen minutes later from Christ Church Cathedral. The obsequies will be jointly for Mrs. Thain and Mrs. Anderson, who will be interred in Ross Bay Cemetery at the same time.

MINES IN DIFFICULTIES

Local Coal Dealers Cannot Secure Supplies From Collieries Owing to Snow

While some dealers of the city may have more or less sufficient stocks of coal on hand for immediate requirements, the trouble with most of them has been their inability to secure supplies from the mines. Alderman Walker, himself a fuel dealer, informed the City Council last night that deliveries by the mines have been badly interfered with, and he thought the dealers were doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances. Some of the mines were not working, as they could not cope with the immense snowfall which filled up valleys and blocked the tracks to tidewater. At Cumberland, whence his own firm secured supplies, steamers which had called for coal were forced to leave without it. Piles of lump coal had become frozen in. In Vancouver the C.P.R. had large stocks on hand, and dealers there were enabled to secure supplies from that stock, but no similar condition prevailed in Victoria.

The condition of the streets, too, had interrupted deliveries, and while dealers were doing everything they could to relieve the situation, it was one so unprecedented that the greatest efforts could not remedy it. The mine owners were hoping conditions would shortly improve.

Alderman Bell suggested that perhaps the City could co-operate in some manner with the coal companies in getting larger supplies.

PRAISE FOR COMPANY

Aldermen Commend Work of B. C. Electric in Fighting Against Blockade

Praise for the efforts the B. C. Electric Company has made in attempting to keep their tramway service operating in the face of the exceptional conditions was given by members of the City Council last night, when the scheme of the company to institute night hauling of fuel to outside points along its city lines was announced by Alderman Cameron.

Alderman Bell believed the company had put forth a very worthy and successful effort to keep traffic open and everyone must appreciate those efforts greatly.

Alderman Porter believed the company's plan would relieve a very serious situation, and the city should lend any assistance it could to making the plan a success.

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THE LATE MRS. MURRAY THAIN

CARRYING COAL TO OUTLYING SECTIONS

B. C. Electric Railway Company Places Its Freight Cars at Public Disposal Free of Charge.

Arrangements were made yesterday by Mr. A. T. Goward, local manager of the B. C. Electric Railway Company, which, it is hoped, will result in an immediate solution of the problem of getting coal supplies to many of the more remote sections of the city and at the same time save to the consumers of the fuel the excessive costs of transportation prevailing at the present time as a result of the condition of the streets.

Mr. Goward yesterday afternoon took the matter up with Acting Mayor Porter, of Victoria; Reeve Arthur Coles, of Esquimalt, and Reeve Gordon, of Oak Bay and the leading coal dealers, and they at once acquiesced in his suggestions. The arrangements as they are at present provide that the company will place in service its large freight cars, each of which has a capacity of 17 tons, for the purpose of making delivery of coal to outside points.

These cars will be placed as close to the coal yards as the location of the tracks will permit, and upon being loaded will be sent to certain strategical points in the outlying sections of the city served by the system. Here they will be placed in charge of men appointed by the City Council, or, in the case of Oak Bay and Esquimalt, by the councils of those municipalities, who will proceed to act as vendors of the fuel in the same manner as the coal dealers themselves. That is to say, they will accept orders and hand over the fuel to the purchaser, who must assume the obligation of taking the fuel where he wishes to use it.

No Charge for Haulage

The B. C. Electric will make no charge for its service in hauling the coal from the depots over its tracks to the points of distribution, and as arrangements are at present this will mean that coal will be delivered into the hands of the purchaser at exactly the same price he would have to pay at the coal wharves.

In making an announcement of the company's plans in this regard last evening Mr. Goward said: "I hope that nothing untoward will occur to prevent us carrying this arrangement into effect. Today we had the misfortune to have our power service interrupted through both the Jordan River and Brentwood Bay transmission lines being carried away through the weight of the heavy snow. We have got the Brentwood Bay line repaired and our cars moving again, and we hope there will be no more delays from this cause. But there is still the weather to be reckoned with. That is likely to be the deciding factor in the case.

"I must add that in taking up the question of using our facilities for the purpose of hauling coal to places in the outlying sections of the city, I found Acting Mayor Porter and Reeves Gordon and Coles disposed to co-operate with us in the heartiest way. Due announcement will be made in the press as to the points chosen for the location of the emergency coal depots and of the hour at which delivery of coal can be made from them."

SCHOOLS CLOSE AGAIN

Graded Classes Were but Poorly Attended Yesterday Morning—Will Resume on Thursday

In view of the small attendance at the public schools yesterday morning when the classes resumed work after the three days' holiday last week, the trustees decided to prolong the closed period until Thursday morning, when the buildings will again be opened. The attendance of the higher grades was generally good, as the older pupils were able to negotiate the snow-drifted streets, but the smaller pupils were unable to attend, and the aggregate attendance of all classes was probably not more than 50 per cent.

The High School was well attended when it opened yesterday morning, and it will continue open, the closing rule applying only to the graded schools.

The question of fuel is not worrying the School Board, as there is on hand or available sufficient to keep the buildings properly heated. Only three schools did not open yesterday, the Burnside, Oaklands and Margaret Jenkins. These will probably be opened with the rest on Thursday morning.

EXTINGUISHERS AS AID TO INCENDIARY

Tests Made Here Indicate Possibilities of Method Suggested in Burning of Federal Parliament Buildings.

Following the recent fire which destroyed the main structure of the Parliament Buildings at Ottawa much has been said of the possibility of incendiaries having tampered with the fire extinguishers by placing gasoline in the machines with the result that, on the fire having been discovered, the extinguishers, instead of answering the purpose for which they were originally intended, only increased the volume of fire. Interesting tests made yesterday afternoon by Fire Chief Davis showed the possibility of such a method of increasing a fire which, even when attacked in its incipient stage, as was the case at Ottawa, would develop into a tremendous volume of flame almost impervious to water.

Chief Davis utilized one of the small extinguishers carried on the fire apparatus. A mixture of three quarts of water with one of gasoline was put into one of the extinguishers. A small quantity of excelsior was ignited on the pavement in front of the headquarters hall and the test made, the idea being to ascertain to what extent the flame would follow along the trail of fluid squirted from the extinguisher. The fireman who worked the extinguisher had hardly hit the fire from the excelsior before the gasoline had become ignited from the excelsior to the mouth of the small hose attached to the extinguisher, and a spout of flame six feet long was roaring from the nozzle. The inflammable mixture spread over the snow on the street and burned with fury for some minutes.

The extreme rapidity with which the flame ran along the street licking up the fluid which had been ejected from the extinguisher indicated with what surprising speed a small fire in a building would spread had the extinguishers utilized in an effort to put out the fire been tampered with. It would be a very simple matter for one who knew how to operate an extinguisher to place gasoline within one. A person with intent to do damage might easily carry a flask of gasoline into a building, screw off the top of the extinguisher, deposit the gasoline in the apparatus and screw back the top, all within a few seconds.

Suggests Recharging

Fire Chief Davis does not go on record as believing that such a method was the cause of the rapid spread of the fire in the Federal Parliament Buildings, but its possibilities are so apparent that he has suggested to the Government the advisability of all fire extinguishers, used in public buildings, being re-charged and sealed in such a manner that any tampering with them would readily be ascertained by daily inspection.

Yesterday's test showed that, if, as has been held by the Ottawa fire chief, some such method was used by incendiaries, the person using the extinguisher to put out an incipient blaze, would, immediately the fluid hit the fire, be confronted by a roaring mass of flames which would rush towards him. His natural action would be to turn and run, and unless he had presence of mind enough to cut off the flow of fluid at the nozzle of the extinguisher, he would simply be laying a trail of flame behind him. This is the explanation advanced by Ottawa's fire chief to explain the rapidity with which the flames swept along the corridor leading from the reading room of the House of Commons.

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Only Way to Get Coal Is to Send for It—Churches Cancel Meetings for Week—Y. M. C. A. Bath Closed.

The coal situation in Victoria last night was more complicated than ever because of the further fall of snow yesterday. Small orders, which the dealer was asked to deliver, were ignored absolutely. In a few cases, where large amounts were required at a distance not far from the centre of the city, dealers delivered on their own sleighs. This was the case chiefly with hotels.

There was much complaint yesterday about the cost of fuel. Customers said that although they had to send for their coal, there was no reduction in price. Added to this is the cost of delivery, for which teamsters are charging $1 an hour.

The coal dealers say nothing can be done about the price, as it is becoming more difficult to get deliveries from the mines because trouble is being experienced at the pit heads with the heavy snowfall. Teamsters say that the demand for their services is so great that the price charged is warranted, as now a householder considers himself fortunate in even getting a man with a team to undertake fuel delivery work.

No More Swimming

In some quarters the fuel shortage is becoming serious. The Y. M. C. A. announced last night that because of the difficulty in getting fuel to heat its building at View and Blanshard Streets and the water in the swimming bath in the basement, there will be no more indoor swimming until the weather moderates. On this account the women's swimming class scheduled for this morning is cancelled.

Most of the churches in the city are beginning to suffer. Largely because of the fuel shortage, practically all church meetings between now and next Sunday have been postponed. In nearly all cases there is enough coal and wood on hand to prevent any interference with the regular Sunday services.

The hospitals have been hard pressed, but because of the calamity that would result if they were shut off entirely from fuel special efforts have been made to supply their requirements. Despite this, the hospital authorities will not be free from worry until the snow is off the ground. The greenhouses in the city are in very much the same position, but have been willing to spend extra money to get fuel out to save their stock from the frost.

The big grocery and butcher stores in the centre of the city found their delivery systems inadequate yesterday to reach even some parts of the city that had been reached on Saturday. Efforts will be made again today to get through and reach all customers. The dairy companies are still helpless to reach outlying districts and are further handicapped because of their inability to get their full quantity of milk in from the farms. It is expected that this will be overcome today with the opening of the suburban lines.

OBITUARY NOTICES

The funeral of Mrs. Jane Robinson will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the B. C. Funeral Chapel. Interment will be made in Ross Bay cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Ann Gunter will take place from the B. C. Funeral Chapel at 3 o'clock on Thursday afternoon. Interment will be made in Ross Bay cemetery.

Funeral services for Mrs. Annie B. Steele were held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the B. C. Funeral chapel, where Rev. E. E. Wooldridge officiated.

There was a large attendance of friends at the obsequies. The pallbearers were: Messrs. B. C. Pettingell, R. P. Mackay, George Fuggle, B. Fuggle, James Bland and A. M. Gregg. Interment took place in Ross Bay cemetery.

The obsequies of Mrs. Agnes Esserv were held yesterday at the B. C. Funeral Chapel, where Rev. S. J. Thompson officiated at the services. Interment was made in Ross Bay cemetery.

The funeral of Mr. Lionel B. Dunn will take place on Thursday afternoon at 1:45 o'clock from the B.C. Funeral chapel, and at 2 o'clock services will be held at St. Michael's Church, Royal Oak. Interment will be made in the church cemetery. The late Mr. Dunn was a member of the British Columbia Public School Boys' Association. In 1914 he was a candidate for councillor in Ward IV, Saanich, and he was later appointed a teacher at Keatings, where he showed marked ability.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lory, who had been a resident of Victoria for the past 25 years, passed away on Sunday at the residence of her daughter, 1656 Gladstone Avenue. She was a native of England and 65 years of age. For many years she was an attendant at the Belmont Avenue Methodist Church, of which her deceased husband had been one of the founders. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from that church. Rev. John Robson will officiate. The late Mrs. Lory is survived by two sons, Mr. J. H. Lory, of Alberta, and Richard Lory, now at the front; and by two daughters, Mrs. G. Gates, of 1656 Gladstone Avenue, and Mrs. J. Macmillan, of Custer, Washington.

Mrs. Elizabeth Stewart Donaldson, for 38 years a resident of Victoria, passed away last Friday at the family residence, "Seaton," Kelvin Road. She was the wife of Mr. James Donaldson and a native of Cockenzie, Haddingtonshire, Scotland, where she was born 73 years ago. She is survived by, besides her widower, five children: Mr. James Donaldson, of Everett; Capt. W. S. Donaldson and Mrs. A. C. Grayson, of Vancouver, and Mr. George Donaldson and Mrs. Sidney Rose, of Victoria. The funeral will take place from the family funeral chapel this afternoon at 3 o'clock, and interment will be made at Ross Bay cemetery.

Day School, Night School for men and women. Individual instruction. Scott-Shaw Institute, Pemberton Building. Send for particulars.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

DEATHS

ROBINSON—On February 4, 1916, at 1213 Carlisle Street, Esquimalt, B. C., Jane, wife of Wm. Robinson, late of Carlisle, Cumberland, England.

The funeral will take place from the B. C. Funeral Chapel, 734 Broughton Street, on Wednesday, February 9, at 2 p. m., where service will be held. Interment in Ross Bay Cemetery.

DONALDSON—At the family residence "Seaton," Kelvin Road, the death occurred on February 4, of Elizabeth Stewart, beloved wife of James Donaldson, in her 73rd year, a native of Cockenzie, Haddingtonshire, Scotland. She leaves to mourn her loss, besides her husband, five surviving children: James, of Everett, Washington; Capt. W. S. Donaldson, Mrs. A. C. Grayson, Vancouver; George Donaldson and Mrs. Sidney Rose, of this city.

The funeral will take place from the Sands Funeral Furnishing Parlors, on Tuesday, February 8, at 2 p. m. Interment in Ross Bay Cemetery. No flowers by request.

THAIN—On Sunday, February 6th, Margaret, aged 77, widow of the late Captain Murray W. Thain, and sister of Oliver G. Harbell, born at St. John, N. B., December 5, 1838.

The funeral takes place from B. C. Funeral Parlors, (today) Tuesday, Feb. 8, at 10:45 a. m., and Christ Church Cathedral fifteen minutes later.

ANDERSON—On January 31, Mary, beloved wife of James R. Anderson, of 918 Cook Street, aged 73 years, born at St. John, N. B.

The funeral will leave the B. C. Funeral Chapel today at 10:45 a. m., and service will be conducted at Christ Church Cathedral at 11 o'clock. Interment in Ross Bay Cemetery.

DUNN—On the 29th January, 1916, Lionel Bowes Dunn, of Glanford Avenue, second son of the late General Josias Dunn, and brother of the late Henry Josias Dunn, aged 39 years.

The funeral will leave the B. C. Funeral Chapel on Thursday, February 10, at 1:45 p. m., and service will be conducted at St. Michael's Church, Royal Oak, at 2 p. m. Interment in St. Michael's Cemetery.

GUNTER—On February 1, at her son's residence, 1524 Yale Street, Oak Bay, Mary Gunter, wife of the late Henry Gunter, of Middlesex, England.

The funeral will take place from the B. C. Funeral Chapel, 734 Broughton Street, on Thursday, February 10, at 2 p. m., when service will be held. Interment in Ross Bay Cemetery.

O'CONNOR—At St. Joseph's Hospital, on February 1, Helena Mary Agnes O'Connor, born at Kingdom of Kerry, Ireland, aged 69 years. The remains are reposing at the chapel of the B. C. Funeral Co.

The funeral will leave the B. C. Funeral Chapel at 8:45 a. m., Wednesday, and service will be held at St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Cathedral at 9 o'clock. Interment in Ross Bay Cemetery.

BOVRIL

BOVRIL WAS BORN IN CANADA, NOW FAMOUS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

METHODISM FOUNDED HERE 58 YEARS AGO

Event Will Be Celebrated Next Sunday — Campaigns for Money in Metropolitan and Fairfield Churches.

Preparatioons are being made in the city for the celebration next Sunday of the 58th anniversary of the founding of Methodism in Victoria, according to what the Rev. Dr. C. T. Scott, pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist Church, told his congregation Sunday. Commemorative services with special music and decorations will be held in the Metropolitan Church, Pandora and Quadra Streets, and it is expected that some steps will be taken to mark the event by the other Methodist Churches in the city.

The first Methodist congregation on the North Pacific Coast established itself at Victoria on February 1, 1858, the services being held in the court house of the Hudson's Bay Company. A few years later when the body grew in numbers a church was built at Pandora and Broad Streets, on the property now occupied by the Brackman-Ker Milling Company, while other congregations sprang up in other parts of the city.

Nearly a quarter of a century ago, the church at Broad and Pandora Streets became too small for the congregation and the large stone church at Pandora and Quadra Streets was erected at a cost of $90,000.

Raising $1,640 Sinking Fund

At the services of last Sunday Dr. Scott also made an appeal for contributions towards the $1,640 interest and sinking fund, payments of which fall due the middle of this month. Dr. Scott said that the payments had been met half-yearly for the last 23 years, and he urged his congregation to see that enough money is raised this time. The payments have to be kept up for only two years more, as in August, 1918, the endowment policies for which the sinking fund has been providing, mature. It is expected that the church will then be free of debt.

Dr. Scott also announced yesterday that all the meetings which were to have been held in the Metropolitan Church during this week have been cancelled because of the fuel shortage. He said that the church has found it impossible to get wood delivered, but there is enough on hand to do for the Sunday services during the next two weeks.

Fairfield Campaign

At the Fairfield Methodist Church, Moss Street and Fairfield Road, the pulpit was occupied on Sunday for a short time by Mr. T. E. Marriner, the local financial man, whom the congregation has put in charge to raise $600 by April to meet the interest and taxes which have accumulated in the last two years. Mr. Marriner said he wants each of the 100 members of the congregation to raise $5 and the Sunday School to raise $100. Prizes will be given to the children bringing in the largest collections to the fund, while adults will have their names inscribed on an honor roll to be hung in the church. It is proposed that the women make and sell cakes and candy, while all sorts of schemes are being arranged for the children. A delivery system is being worked out for the marketing of the home-made products throughout the city. A special committee has been appointed to take charge of the funds as they are received.

DONATION FROM YUKON

Victoria Branch of Red Cross Society Receives Over $350 as Result of Miss M. Nelssen's Work

The executive of the Victoria and district branch of the Red Cross Society was much gratified yesterday upon the receipt of over $350 from the Yukon to be devoted to the funds of the local organization. It was the first remittance from that far-distant district to be received at Victoria and it is greatly appreciated.

The total sum received was divided as follows: Donation from the Canadian Yukon Patriotic Fund, $118; proceeds from entertainment given by the British Empire Club, Dawson City, $158; donation from Klondike Chapter, I. O. D. E., $25; donation from Inspector F. J. Fitzgerald Chapter, I. O. D. E., $50. All the contributions were sent from Dawson City and were largely the result of the work of Miss M. Nelssen, formerly an enthusiastic helper at the Temple Building, who is now engaged in creating interest in the Red Cross cause in the northern confines of Canada.

So far, no branch of the Red Cross Society has been organized in Yukon Territory, and all donations from that part of the Dominion must be sent to organizations in other Provinces or to headquarters.

RETRACTION SETTLES $50,000 HILLIS SUIT

Pastor of Brooklyn Church Withdraws Libelous Statements About His Nephew of This City.

The famous $50,000 libel suit brought against the Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, pastor of Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, by his nephew, Mr. Percy D. Hillis, of this city, has been settled out of court, according to an announcement made by Mr. Charles T. Lark, 60 Broadway, New York City, Dr. Hillis' lawyer.

The suit, which precipitated a discussion of Dr. Hillis' financial troubles and created a great stir among clergymen throughout the continent because of his prominence, was started last September following the publication of an interview in a Portland, Ore., newspaper. This quoted the Brooklyn clergyman as saying that he had assumed the obligations of his nephew, growing out of extensive timber speculations in British Columbia.

Mr. Lark has made public a letter from Mr. T. K. Webster, a Chicago business man, who acted as arbiter. This has been approved by both Dr. Hillis and his nephew. It is said that the matter grew out of a misunderstanding and that it has now been settled amicably. On January 20 Dr. Hillis and his nephew had a conference in Chicago at which the settlement was agreed upon. Mr. Webster's letter follows:

Dr. N. D. Hillis, Mr. P. D. Hillis.

Gentlemen,—You have asked me to be sole arbiter of two questions arising out of an interview published in The Brooklyn Eagle of July 14, 1915, and in The Oregonian of July 15, 1915.

The two questions which you have asked me to arbitrate are, namely (a) Did N. D. Hillis pay the debts of his nephew, as stated in the article, and (b) Did the article in question damage the reputation and cause a money loss to said P. D. Hillis?

Each of the gentlemen has made to me a statement of his side of the case and exhibited his evidence. I find that N. D. Hillis had paid out large sums of money, in which his nephew was more or less interested, and that he had paid out large sums of money to parties who invested on his recommendation after the said investments proved to be of uncertain value.

I find, however, that these were not debts of his nephew's, and, therefore, that Dr. Hillis's statement was incorrect, in that he said he paid the debts of his nephew. While I believe that this interview was given out with the best of motives, I have no doubt that it has in certain circles conveyed an impression that is detrimental to his nephew.

It is desired on the part of both parties that a public statement, as above, shall be made, and the said Percy D. Hillis hereby withdraws the suit which he began in the Supreme Court of the State of New York. The entire controversy is settled amicably between the parties.

T. K. WEBSTER.

Dr. Hillis's controversy with Mr. Frank L. Ferguson, his former business agent, also was taken out of court and referred to an arbitrator, but Dr. Hillis later revoked the plan to arbitrate, and the case is still pending.

TEMPERATURES RISING

Very Warm Weather With Heavy Rains South of Straits—Milder in Southern B. C.

The chief feature of the weather map last night was the very mild temperatures being experienced to the south of the Straits. At Portland, Oregon, yesterday, 52 degrees was reached, and a very heavy rainfall experienced; at Tacoma it was 46, with nearly an inch of precipitation. Heavy rains were also reported from California, particularly on the north coast of that State.

There is also a general rise in temperature in this Province, though it is still below zero in the Northern interior. At Prince Rupert yesterday the thermometer made its highest record at 40 degrees, and throughout the Kootenay region zero temperatures ceased to exist. Sunday's temperatures were practically stationary at the freezing point here, though it was warmer yesterday when 35 degrees was recorded.

Since Saturday at 5 p. m., 9.2 inches of snow has fallen in Victoria. Being on the verge of rain, this fall has rather hastened the disappearance of the snow remaining on the ground from the big storm of last week. Snow is general over the southern part of Vancouver Island, the lower Mainland, and practically the whole of the Kootenay region. Below zero temperatures prevail in the Prairie Provinces.

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In Women's Realm

By MARIA LAWSON

MISS KATHLEEN TENNANT

Requiescat

Strew on the roses, roses,
  And never a spray of yew.
In quiet she reposes;
  Ah! would that I did too.

Her mirth the world required;
  She battl'd it in smiles of glee;
But her heart was tired, tired,
  And now they let her be.

Her life was turning, turning,
  In mazes of heat and sound
But for peace her heart was yearning,
  And now peace laps her round.

Her cabin'd ample Spirit,
  It flutter'd and fail'd for breath.
Tonight it doth inherit
  The vasty hall of Death.

—M. Arnold.

Miss Kathleen Tennant

When the elder daughter of Mr. Asquith was married a short time ago to Mr. Maurice Bonham Carter, one of her bridesmaids was the very pretty daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tennant, of Innes House, Morayshire. The young lady is a niece of Mrs. Asquith and a cousin of the Premier's second daughter, Miss Elisabeth Asquith.

Since then the young lady has become engaged to the Marquis of Granby, only son and heir of the Duke of Rutland. For nearly four hundred years the earl's of Rutland have held high place in court and camp, and in 1703 the head of the Manners family became a duke. The present holder of the title is the eighth Duke, a soldier and a sportsman. The mother of the Earl of Granby is an artist of some note. She was the daughter of Col. Hon. C. H. Lindsay.

It is surmised that the young couple will live at Haddon Hall, which has been restored by the Marquis. The war may, however, prevent this, for there are few of the sons of the great houses who will spend much time at their homes till peace is restored.

A Memento.

Those who desire a souvenir of the Great War will be glad to buy from the Victoria branch of the Red Cross the reproduction of "Canada! Ypres." The drawing represents a Canadian soldier grasping the flag in one hand, while with the other he holds a helmet aloft on the end of a rifle. Behind are the smoke and flames of the battlefield, and near him is the gun he has rescued.

The Best Disenfectanits.

According to a bulletin recently issued by the New York Health Department, the very best disinfectants are soap and water, sunlight and air. The alarming statements about the necessity for chemical disinfection are, the bulletin states, too often made by persons interested in their sale. If this is true, and recent investigations are said to support the theory, the spread of many diseases can be checked by simple cleanliness. If in most houses there was one bedroom, the walls and ceilings as well as the floors of which could be washed by mechanical means as many bath rooms are now, the danger of infection in such homes would be greatly lessened. Inside rooms into which sunlight and air are never permitted to enter, ought to be forbidden by law.

While we have unwashable walls, rooms in which a patient suffering from infectious disease has been nursed must be chemically disinfected as the next best thing. Then to make it wholesome it must be left empty and open to the sun and air. Our wind-swept streets and separate houses are the best insurance against epidemics. Yet families are willing to sacrifice these advantages for the conveniences of apartment houses.

A War Lesson.

The people of the world should not have needed the war to convince them that good teeth were necessary for efficiency. Yet the fact that soldiers with decayed teeth, or with teeth that are liable to decay cannot continue on duty, has drawn attention to the value of sound teeth. In the ranks and in the trenches toothache disables a man, and poor teeth make it impossible that he shall be properly nourished. Dentists, within the last quarter of a century, have learned to perform what would formerly have been considered miracles. The introduction of dental clinics into the schools has done much for children.

But prevention, which has done such wonders in the case of many diseases as small-pox, yellow fever and other infectious sicknesses does not do much for the preservation of teeth. The want of cleanliness, bad as it is, does not account for the prevalence of decayed teeth in the children of today. Many of their grandmothers and grandfathers have more sound teeth in their heads than the little people of six or seven, who are seen on holidays in the office of the dentist.

Filling and cleaning do much for the little sufferers, but cannot science teach us how to prevent the decay or the faulty composition which make the visits to the dentist necessary? Worthy people as our dentists are, and indispensable as is the work they do under present conditions, it would be far better if the majority of children grew to maturity without being forced to have their teeth repaired.

That in advancing years teeth should need attention is to be expected, but that the majority of young men and women should have bad teeth is not in accordance with nature. The evils that spring from decayed and decaying teeth are not confined to the army. There is not an occupation that can be efficiently carried on by a person suffering from an ulcerated tooth or an exposed nerve. Is repair the best we can hope for? This is being applied almost everywhere in these days. Is prevention possible?

Child Labor.

Social evils are often of gradual, almost imperceptible growth. Before they are noticed they have so spread their roots that it seems almost impossible to destroy them without injury to the whole structure of society. This is especially true of child labor. Its beginnings should be guarded against. It is not enough to make a law forbidding it in a community. Such laws should be enforced, and there are always enough people who make a profit by employing children to make this very difficult. Yet the results of child labor, that is, commercial labor, are always seen in deterioration of the individual, and in the ignorance of the community.

In the United States Congress a bill is under consideration which would prevent interstate commerce in goods produced by the labor of children under fourteen years of age, or by children between fourteen and sixteen who work more than eight hours a day.

The manufacturers of cotton, it appears, are strong opponents of the bill. They declare that poor people need the help of their children and that long hours are not injurious. It is stated that a physician in the employ of one of the companies testified that a girl of twelve might safely work for eleven hours a day.

It may be thought that there is little danger of such abuses springing up in Canada. Yet in some parts of this country there are factories, and formerly very small children were employed in at least one of them. It is far easier to prevent the children from entering the factories than to protect them when they are inside. As for the hours of labor, workingmen should see to it that what they will not submit to themselves neither their children nor those of other people should be called upon to endure.

A Deserved Rebuke.

No woman who has ever worked for even a short time in the personal department of a daily paper can help a feeling of, perhaps, unholy delight at the treatment which The Chicago Tribune meted out to some society people who had neither good feeling nor good sense.

It appears that the reporters were endeavoring to get information about the box parties that ateended the opening of the grand opera season. They were, of course, young women. Instead of answering their polite enquiries civilly, it was considered "good form" by the wealthy holders of these seats to treat the reporters with rudeness. What was their chagrin and astonishment next morning to see their remarks in cold print, coupled with their names. The rebuke was a severe one, but richly deserved.

The society column or page of a daily paper in a large city satisfies a public demand. Those who work for it are entitled to courtesy, and this is extended to them by all ladies and gentlemen.

Smoking.

There is a law on the statute book of Canada that forbids the selling of tobacco to children. Cigarettes are specially mentioned. That the law is frequently and deliberately broken is plain to everyone who takes the trouble to notice what is going on.

Tobacco is as injurious to little boys this year as it was when the act was passed. The dealers who sell to them are law-breakers, and it is the duty of the police to see that the law is enforced.

It is no excuse to say that people of all ages and both sexes are sending tobacco to the front. Those who use it are men. It is the duty of those who live in safety at home to send those who are fighting for them anything that will give them ease or pleasure. It is folly to say that the man who has acquired the habit of smoking is not comforted by its use, whether in the form of pipe, cigar or cigarettes.

But no one who speaks with authority will say that school children can smoke without injury, to their system, and there are many who consider that some men would be healthier if they had never acquired the habit. Among these are habitual smokers.

However this may be, little boys ought to be made to observe the laws which have been passed for their protection. Unless this is done the laws should be repealed. As for unprincipled dealers, who care more for gain than for the good of the children, they deserve no consideration.

Good Advice.

Much sorrow and no little harm would have been prevented had the rules presented in the following verse been observed. It is taken from an exchange, and headed "Rules for Letter Writing":

Have you any unkind thoughts,
  Do not write them down;
Write no word that giveth pain;
Written words may long remain;
Have you heard some idle tale?
Do not write it down.
Gossips may repeat it o'er,
Adding to its bitter store.
Have you any careless jest?
Bury it, and let it rest;
It may wound some loving breast.
Words of love and tenderness,
Words of truth and kindness,
Words of comfort for the sad,
Words of gladness for the glad,
Words of counsel for the bad—
  Wisely write them down.
Words, though small, are mighty things,
  Pause before you write them.
Little words may grow and bloom
With bitter breath or sweet perfume,
  Pray before you write them.

Parcels for the Front.

As the men now training in Victoria leave for the front many more people will be sending letters and parcels. Much trouble will be saved if the following rules, taken from a supplement to Canadian Official Postal Guide for January are observed:

Correspondence for the expeditionary forces should be addressed first with the regimental number of the soldier, followed by his rank, name, squadron, battery or company, battalion, regiment (or other unit), staff appointment or department, Canadian Contingent, British Expeditionary Force, Army Post Office, London, England. Unnecessary information regarding higher formations such as brigades and divisions is strictly forbidden and causes delay.

For letters the rate of postage is two cents for each ounce or fraction thereof, with the one cent war tax. Senders are asked to place their name and address on the letters, so that they may be returned if undeliverable. For post cards the rate is two cents.

The rate for newspapers is one cent for each two ounces, unless the addressee is known to be in the United Kingdom, in which case the Canadian papers can be sent at the Canadian inland newspapers rate.

While all parcels for the troops are addressed care of the Army Post Office in London this in no way affects the rate of postage which depends entirely upon the location of the person to whom the parcel is sent. Parcels for troops known to be in the United Kingdom are sent at the rate twelve cents per pound or fraction thereof. The limit of weight of these parcels is eleven pounds.

With regard to parcels to be sent to the forces in France and Flanders, up to three pounds the rate is 24 cents, and over three, but not more than seven, it is 32 cents. The limit on the weight of these parcels is fixed at seven pounds.

The rates for parcels for the Mediterranean and Salonica forces are one pound, 32 cents; two pounds, 40 cents; three pounds, 48 cents; four pounds, 74 cents; five pounds, 82 cents; six pounds, 90 cents, and seven pounds (the limit of weight) 98 cents.

Senders are also asked to see that parcels sent are strongly wrapped and tied, preferably enclosed in a strong double cardboard box or a wooden box, with several folds of wrapping paper. For additional security strong linen, calico or other material should be sewn around the outside. In addressing, the name of the addressee must be on the wrapping and not on a tag, while the sender should also send his name and address. The contents of the parcel should also be stated on the outside of the package. Perishable articles are debarred. Those being sent to the expeditionary forces in the Mediterranean and Salonica must have an outer covering of linen or other similar substance, and must be nearly round, being well padded, to prevent damage to other parcels.

In the regulations for sending correspondence to prisoners of war in Germany, the address should contain the rank, initial and name, regiment or other unit, his nationality and place of interment. In regard to the latter rule parcels cannot be accepted if the place of interment is not stated. Postage need not be paid on either letters or parcels to prisoners. These letters should be left open, and should not exceed in length two sides of a sheet of notepaper. On no account must the writing be crossed. Post cards are advised to be sent as being less likely subject to delay than letters. However post cards, picturing views of warships, camps, docks, etc., and conspicuous landmarks are forbidden. Reference to political situations and naval or military matters are, of course, debarred, and at the present these letters cannot be registered. The sender must also enclose his name and address. With reference to parcels, letters and newspapers must not be enclosed. Tobacco can be sent duty free, but perishable should not be posted, while the limit of weight of these parcels is eleven pounds.

With reference to the wrapping of these parcels the regulations are the same as for parcels at the front.

Remittances are to be made by money order free from commission, but the post office does not accept any responsibility for the delivery of either parcels or letters.

SUDDEN DEATH

Caused by Disease of the Kidneys.

The close connection which exists between the heart and the kidneys is well known nowadays. As soon as kidneys are diseased, arterial tension is increased and the heart functions are attacked. When the kidneys no longer pour forth waste, uremic poisoning occurs and the person dies, and the cause is often given as heart disease, or disease of brain or lungs.

It is a good insurance against such a risk to send 10 cents for a large trial package of "Anuric"—the latest discovery of Dr. Pierce. Also send a sample of your water. This will be examined without charge by expert chemists at Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y. When you suffer from backache, frequent or scanty urine, rheumatic pains here or there, or that constant tired, worn-out feeling, it's time to write Dr. Pierce, describe your symptoms and get his medical opinion without charge—absolutely free. This "Anuric" of Doctor Pierce's is found to be 37 times more active than lithia, for it dissolves uric acid in the system as hot water does sugar.

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Reg. 75c to $1.00 yd...45¢

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Our boys in khaki are fighting or dying—as fate wills—in the greatest war the British Empire has ever been called upon to share. They are cheerful in the face of danger because they sincerely believe that YOU WHO CANNOT GO are seeing to it that their dear ones do not want. Are you going to betray that trust?

Can They Trust You?

If you feel that you can't spare anything; if you feel that it is not up to you to give anything; if you feel that the Victoria boys at the front are asking for charity

DON'T GIVE A CENT

They don't want charity! All they ask is for us at home to do our duty as they are doing theirs.

Victoria Patriotic Aid Society

640 Fort Street Winch Building
Next to Times Bldg.

COLUMBIA THEATRE

Big Time Vaudeville Acts Appear on This Week's Bill

One of the strongest and best balanced vaudeville bills yet presented at this popular-priced vaudeville theatre is now running at the Columbia, featuring two acts that have just closed engagements in the larger eastern vaudeville circuits.

Le Roy and Paull, two clever acrobats, have the star position on the bill, presenting a comic bar act that made a decided hit. Some exceptionally clever work is done by both members of the team on the bars, and the act ranks with the best ever seen in Victoria.

Brown and Kennedy share the feature honors with a neat, well-dressed and up-to-date dancing novelty entitled "Dances of Today," in which the latest society dances are demonstrated in a most pleasing manner by these graceful performers. This act alone should draw capacity houses for the first half of the week.

Little Marjorie Mac, in a bright singing and dancing specialty, with a selection on the bagpipes, was one of the hits of the bill and was recalled several times by an enthusiastic audience. Several members of the 67th Western Scots accorded her a most hearty reception in her Scotch numbers.

The Operatic Duo, two classic singers, offer a number of operatic selections that called for well-merited applause.

An installment of the Pathe series "Who Pays," and an Animated Cartoon conclude one of the best bills presented at the Columbia for many days.

Is Your House a Home—or is it a collection of brick walls, carpets, chairs and tapestries? Make it a home by serving for breakfast Shredded Wheat, the food of health and strength. Being ready-cooked it is so easy to prepare a delicious meal with Shredded Wheat in a few minutes. Contains all the goodness of the whole wheat—better than porridges for children or grown-ups. Made in Canada.

G.T.P. STEAMERS GOING ON ALASKA RUN

Plans for Extension of Northern Service, as Outlined Last Fall, Have Been Approved—Weekly Steamer to Skagway.

In pursuance of the company's policy as outlined last Fall by Captain C. H. Nicholson, the G.T.P. announces, through Mr. C. F. Earle, local passenger agent, that the plans which had been contemplated for entering the Alaska service this coming season have been approved.

The arrival at this conclusion was aided by the large number of inquiries made from agents throughout the United States and Canada, particularly in the East, for service and space to points in Alaska. It is calculated that the tourist traffice to Alaska this year will exceed that of any previous years. The American people as a whole are in a very prosperous condition, and their movements for pleasure purposes during the coming Summer will be circumscribed by the war conditions prevailing in Europe which will make Alaska with its natural scenic advantages, additionally attractive. Although the G.T.P. Alaska service will probably be inaugurated by one of the smaller steamers of the company it is proposed during the tourist season to operate the fine steamships Prince Rupert and Prince George through from Seattle, Victoria and Vancouver to Prince Rupert, Ketchikan, Wrangell, Juneau and Skagway.

Triweekly to Rupert

A triweekly service will be operated between Seattle and Prince Rupert in connection with the trains of the G.T.P. Railway, and the service extended to a weekly trip northward from Prince Rupert to Skagway.

The record which the steamers Prince Rupert and Prince George established in the operation of the tri-weekly service between Seattle and Prince Rupert, via Victoria, last year, proved their ability to undertake even heavier duties and cover larger territory. The vessels are fitted with watertight blukheads, double bottoms, twin screws, driven by engines of exceedingly high power, wireless telegraph, and in fact every device which the Board of Trade and Lloyd's inspection requires for the safety of passengers and crew. Their accommodations, observation rooms, as well as open and shaded decks, will make them attractive vessels for tourist purposes, and will provide the Alaskan people as well as tourists from outside points with a particularly high-class service. Announcement will be made in the immediate future regarding the commencement of the service and sailing dates.

INAHO IS DIVERTED

Two Other O. S. K. Steamers Are Now Due Here From Ports in the Far East

The freighter Inaho Maru, under charter to the O.S.K. line, inbound from the Far East, will not call at this port, as formerly announced by the agents. She is expected to pass into the Straits on Thursday, and will be diverted to Seattle. The British Columbia cargo carried by this vessel is consigned to Vancouver merchants, and will be landed at the mainland port after the steamer completes discharging on Puget Sound.

The Japanese freighter Ide Maru is fully due with Oriental cargo for Victoria. The liner Tacoma Maru, of the O.S.K. fleet, which sailed from Yokohama on January 24, is expected to reach port tomorrow.

TIDES AT VICTORIA

February, 1916

Date	Time. Ht. h. m. ft.	Time. Ht. h. m. ft.	Time. Ht. h. m. ft.	Time. Ht. h. m. ft.
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7	5:46 8.4	12:19 5.0	17:40 6.7	23:39 4.8
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19	4:46 7.5	9:24 6.6	14:15 7.9	21:35 2.8
20	4:30 7.5	10:03 5.9	15:09 7.5	22:08 3.4
21	4:44 7.6	10:48 5.3	16:11 7.1	22:39 4.2
22	5:01 7.8	11:43 4.6	17:32 6.6	22:08 5.0
23	5:19 8.1	12:41 3.9	19:15 6.3	23:35 5.8
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28	....	8:00 9.2	17:37 1.5	....
29	....	9:42 8.9	18:29 1.5	....

The time used is Pacific Standard, for the 120th Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish high water from low water. Where blanks occur in the tables the tide rises or falls continuously during two successive tidal periods without turning. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot above the average level of lower water.

Quickest, Surest Cough Remedy is Home-Made

Easily Prepared in a Few Minutes. Cheap but Unequaled

Some people are constantly annoyed from one year's end to the other with a persistent bronchial cough, which is wholly unnecessary. Here is a home-made remedy that gets right at the cause and will make you wonder what became of it.

Get 2½ ounces Pinex (50 cents worth) from any druggist, pour into a 16-ounce bottle and fill the bottle with plain granulated sugar syrup. Start taking it at once. Gradually but surely you will notice the phlegm thin out and then disappear altogether, thus ending a cough that you never thought would end. It also loosens the dry, hoarse or tight cough and heals the inflammation in a painful cough with remarkable rapidity. Ordinary coughs are conquered by it in 24 hours or less. Nothing better for bronchitis, winter coughs and bronchial asthma.

This Pinex and Sugar Syrup mixture makes 16 ounces—enough to last a family a long time—at a cost of only 54 cents. Keeps perfectly and tastes pleasant. Easily prepared. Full directions with Pinex.

Pinex is a special and highly concentrated compound of genuine Norway pine extract, rich in guaiacol, and is famous the world over for its ease, certainty and promptness in overcoming bad coughs, chest and throat colds.

Get the genuine. Ask your druggist for "2½ ounces Pinex," and do not accept anything else. A guarantee of absolute satisfaction, or money promptly refunded, goes with this preparation. The Pinex Co., Toronto, Ont.

On Last Stages of Run From Antipodes

R.M.S. Makura, which is due in port on Thursday from Sydney via Auckland and Honolulu

BRITISH YEOMAN HAS AGAIN CHANGED HANDS

Vessel Formerly Registered at This Port Purchased by Balfour, Guthrie & Co.—Completes Repairs at Honolulu.

The announcement is made that the bark British Yeoman has been purchased by Balfour, Guthrie Co. from J. J. Moore & Co. The terms of the sale have not been divulged. The vessel is at present at Honolulu, and she is expected to leave the Hawaiian Islands in a few days for San Francisco and will probably be loaded with a cargo of barley for the United Kingdom. The vessel was at one time owned by Eschen & Minor, then flying the British flag, who sold her to J. J. Moore & Co., and she was placed under American registry under the act of August 18, 1914. She is a vessel of 1862 tons net register.

Made Victoria Home Port

The British Yeoman is one of the numerous sailing craft at one time registered at this port. She, together with the vessels Poltalloch and Dunsyre, also owned by Eschen & Minor at that time, made Victoria her home port. The Dunsyre has since been disposed of to other shipping interests, and the Poltalloch recently became a total loss when wrecked off Yarmouth, England, when bound from Queenstown to Leith.

The last time the British Yeoman was in these waters she loaded a cargo of lumber at Genoa Bay for South Africa.

Bound From Australia

She is at present on a voyage from Australia to the North Pacific Coast. When off Port Allen, Hawaiian Islands, the British Yeoman went adrift in a Kona gale and jammed her rudder. Helpless in a heavy sea she was picked up by a tug and towed to Honolulu, where she has since been drydocked for repairs.

QUEEN CITY RESUMES

Leaves for Gulf Islands After Having Propeller Overhauled

After being overhauled on the ways the C.P.R. steamer Queen City left port yesterday on her regular route to the Gulf Islands. When leaving the harbor last Wednesday the Queen City fouled her propeller, which forced the withdrawal of the vessel for repairs.

The Gulf Islands run was temporarily taken by the Nitinat. The Nitinat is now in the harbor for minor repairs.

COLONIST SHIPPING GUIDE

OCEAN VESSELS.

Steamers to Arrive

Ide Maru, from Shanghai .... Feb. 8
Tacoma Maru, from Hong Kong ... Feb. 9
Makura, from Sydney .... Feb. 10
Inaho Maru, from Kobe .... Feb. 10
Sado Maru, from Hong Kong ...... Feb. 14
Hawaii Maru, from Hong Kong .... Feb. 16
Empress of Japan, from Hong Kong Feb. 23
Awa Maru, from Hong Kong .... Feb. 24
Mexico Maru, from Hong Kong .... Feb. 28
Shidzuoka Maru, from Hong Kong .. Mar. 8
Niagara, from Sydney .... Mar. 9
Monteagle, from Hong Kong .... Mar. 10
Chicago Maru, from Hong Kong .... Mar. 15
Crown of Toledo, from Glasgow .... Mar. 20
Kamakura Maru, from Hong Kong ... Mar. 22
Canada Maru, from Hong Kong ..... Apr. 1
Tamba Maru, from Hong Kong ...... Apr. 6
Empress of Russia, from Hong Kong Apr. 9
Tacoma Maru, from Hong Kong .... Apr. 24
Empress of Asia, from Hong Kong May 7

Steamers to Sail.

Makura, for Sydney .... Feb. 16
Tacoma Maru, for Hong Kong ...... Feb. 17
Sado Maru, for Hong Kong .... Feb. 22
Empress of Japan, for Hong Kong, Mar. 2
Hawaii Maru, for Hong Kong ...... Mar. 4
Awa Maru, for Hong Kong .... March 7
Niagara, for Sydney .... Mar. 15
Shidzuoka Maru, for Hong Kong ... Mar. 17
Monteagle, for Hong Kong .... Mar. 18
Mexico Maru, for Hong Kong ...... Mar. 24
Chicago Maru, for Hong Kong ..... Mar. 31
Kamakura Maru, for Hong Kong .... Apr. 6
Canada Maru, for Hong Kong ...... Apr. 14
Tamba Maru, for Hong Kong .... Apr. 18
Empress of Russia, for Hong Kong Apr. 20

Steamers Sailed.

Empress of Japan, for Hong Kong ... Jan. 1
Chicago Maru, for Hong Kong ..... Jan. 7
Monteagle, for Hong Kong .... Jan. 14
Titan, for Hong Kong .... Jan. 22
Tamba Maru, for Hong Kong .... Jan. 23
Canada Maru, for Hong Kong ...... Jan. 26
Yokohama Maru, for Hong Kong .... Feb. 4
Manila Maru, for Seattle .... Feb. 7

Sailers to Arrive.

Encore, Am. schr. .... From Cape Town
Pankx, Am. schr. .... From Melbourne
Inca, Am. schr. .... For South Africa

"Chilcure" cures chilblains; 25c at druggists, or from S. Percival, Port Washington, B. C.

WIRELESS REPORT

(By Government Wireless)

6 p.m.

Point Grey—Snow; S.E. light; 29.85; 26; sea smooth.

Cape Lazo—Clear; calm; 29.76; 26; sea smooth. Spoke SS. Spokane, 2 p.m., Seymour Narrows, southbound; spoke SS. Alki, 12:45 p.m., anchored south Seymour Narrows, northbound.

Pachena—Cloudy; calm; 29.38; 37; heavy swell. Spoke SS. Tees, 11:30 a.m., leaving Sechart, southbound; spoke tug Tatoosh, 1:30 p.m., off Destruction Island; southbound.

Estevan—Cloudy; calm; 29.71; 33; sea smooth. Spoke tug Pioneer, 6 p.m., bound for Port Townsend, towing bark La Fontaine.

Alert Bay—Clear; E.; 29.58; 36; sea moderate.

Triangle—Clear; N.W. light; 29.84; 31; sea smooth.

Deadtree Point—Clear; calm; 29.82; 20; sea smooth.

Ikeda Bay—Clear; N.E. light; 29.46; 19; sea smooth.

Prince Rupert—Clear; calm; 29.63; 32; sea smooth. Passed in SS. Princess May, 12.20 p.m.; in, SS. Camosun, 12:20 p.m.

VESSEL MOVEMENTS

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Feb. 7.—Arrived: Barge Big Bonanza, from Eagle Harbor, in tow of tug Tyee.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Feb. 7.—Passed in: Str. Victoria, for Tacoma; Manila Maru, Seattle; Yeital Maru, Seattle; El Segundo, with Barge 91, Seattle; Thomas L. Wand, Eagle Harbor. Passed out: Str. Cuzco; barge Big Bonanza, Bellingham. Sailed: Curzon, for Sydney, N. S. W.

PORT ANGELES, Wash., Feb. 7.—Sailed: Barkentine S. N. Castle, for Port Pirie, towing.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 7.—Arrived: Str. Hermes, from Vladivostok; Kaifuku Maru, from Seattle.

(Received by United States Naval Wireless), Feb. 6.—Str. Admiral Dewey, Seattle for San Francisco, 306 miles from Seattle at 8 p. m. Feb. 6.—Str. Victoria, Cordova for Tacoma, 607 miles west of Cape Flattery at 8 p. m.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal Feb. 7.—Arrived: Strs. Governor, Seattle; Harry Luckenbach, Balboa; Alliance, Corinto; bark W. B. Flint, Honolulu. Sailed: Strs. Alaskan, Honolulu; Willamette, Astoria; British steamer Kauri, Lyttleton, N. Z.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 7.—Arrived: Str. Manila Maru, Hong Kong; str. Yeital Maru, Manila; President, San Diego, via Victoria, B. C.; Admiral Farragut, Anacortes; Ixion, Vancouver, B. C., via Comox, B. C.; Laduce, Nanaimo, B. C.; Edith, with barge, British Columbia ports; Prince Ru ert, Prince Rupert, B. C. Sailed: Str. Hilonian, Honolulu; Mills, San Pedro, Cal.; F. S. Loop, San Francisco; Kaifuku Maru, Tacoma; Prince Rupert, Prince Rupert, B. C.

PAYTA, Feb. 5.—Arrived: Strs. Colusa, San Francisco; Stanley Dollar, San Francisco.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 7.—Str. Yucatan, San Francisco. Sailed: Str. Mexico Maru, from Hong Kong for Tacoma.

FIRST AT NEW WHARF

Tanker Asuncion Berths Alongside Imperial Oil Company's Tanks at Maclaughlin Point

Marking the first big vessel to berth at the new wharf of the Imperial Oil Company at Maclaughlin Point, where large capacity storage tanks have been erected, the American tanker Asuncion early yesterday morning went alongside the new plant. The Asuncion came on here from San Francisco.

SHIPWRECKED MARINERS

Liner Manila Maru Brings Seventeen Members of Crew of Norwegian Steamer Tellus

Seventeen members of the crew of the Norwegian steamer Tellus, which has been ashore at Nemuro, Japan, for the past two months, and since floated, were passengers by the O.S.K. liner Manila Maru, which berthed here on Sunday from Shanghai. The Manila Maru left port for Seattle early yesterday morning, after discharging considerable cargo here.

WAS DOWN BY HEAD WHEN LAST SIGHTED

Anxiety Increasing for Safety of Missing Trawler Onward Ho—Estevan Now Searching Coastal Waters.

Although hope is still entertained that the missing fishing steamer Onward Ho is broken down and sheltering in some port outside the regular lines of communication, many of the fishing people are giving up hope for the safety of a very fine craft.

A fishing schooner which put into Prince Rupert after a terrible experience on the banks, reports that she sighted the Onward Ho, which was then badly iced up and down by the head. The propeller was racing, owing to the weight of the ice forward.

No news was received from the north today from correspondents of the fishing companies or steamship men.

Dora's Flight Recalled

It is pointed out that the Onward Ho may at present be undergoing experiences similar to those which befel the little wooden steamer Dora, which plys from Seward, Alaska, to Nome and points in the Pribyloff archipeligo. The Dora, some winters ago, left Seward, and for about two months was not heard from until one day she sailed into the Straits of Fuca and tied up at Port Angeles with all hands safe. She reported a series of adventures that sounded incredible.

After leaving Seward with mails for Unalaska she had run into a howling northeaster and soon became coated with ice. The crew started to chop it away but made no headway, and in a few days she was so far down by the head that her propeller was out of water. In this state she was blown out into the Pacific, and south, until she was near Honolulu. The ice then melted off and her captain started for the north again, intent on making Nome.

As she neared the Alaskan coast once more she ran into another northeaster and again became coated with ice. As before she became loaded down by the head and her propellers were out of water. Again she drifted south into warmer latitudes and the ice melted off.

By this time her coal was running low and the crew began to chop up her interior fittings for fuel, saving what little coal there was left. Her captain then decided to make for the nearest land and rigged up sails. After hope had been long given up for her safety she surprised the shipping world by appearing off Cape Flattery.

The Dominion lighthouse tender Estevan is now on her way up the coast in search of the missing Onward Ho, but up to the present no word has been received from the search steamer.

FLOUR RATES ADVANCE

Tariff on Cereal to Orient Will Be $25 a Ton After March 1

An advance in rates on flour to the Orient is about to go into effect. The Blue Funnel Line announces that the rate on flour to ports in the Far East by vessels of that fleet will be $25 a ton after March 1 and $30 a ton April 1. Rates of Japanese lines operating from this coast are to be $15 March 1. No April tariff has been given out. The market value of export flour is about $45 to $36 a ton.

Mexico Leaves Shanghai

The O. S. K. steamer Mexico Maru sailed from Shanghai on Monday en route from Hong Kong to Victoria.

Gishun Maru Coming

The Japanese freighter Gishun Maru, bound from the Orient to Vancouver, is due to pass in about the middle of the present month. The Gishun Maru is to load outward on Puget Sound for Vladivostok. She is under charter to Messrs. Frank Waterhouse & Co.

President In and Out

The Pacific Coast liner President, Capt. Cann, berthed at the Outer Docks at 1:15 p.m. yesterday, after an average voyage from San Francisco. After disembarking passengers and discharging a small quantity of freight, she left at 4:15 p.m. for Seattle.

MAQUINNA HAULED OUT FOR SURVEY

Examination of C. P. R. Steamer's Hull to Be Made Today at Esquimalt—Sophia Takes Granby Bay Run.

The C.P.R. steamer Princess Maquinna, which last Tuesday morning struck on Maud Island when negotiating the Seymour Narrows in a snowstorm, was hauled out for survey yesterday afternoon at Esquimalt by Yarrows, Ltd. A survey of the vessel will be made today to determine the extent of the damage sustained below the waterline.

According to a statement made by Capt. J. W. Troup, it is improbable that the Princess Maquinna will again be placed in the Vancouver-Granby Bay service this season. He intimated that the steamer would be placed on another route when she was again placed in commission.

There is a possibility that the Princess Maquinna will shortly be returned to the west coast of Vancouver Island route. The steamer Tees has been doing good work on the West Coast route during the past Winter, but with the approach of Spring the passenger traffic will become greater and a larger boat may be necessary to take care of the trade. The Princess Maquinna was specially designed for the West Coast service, and the C.P.R. has no intentions of removing her permanently from the run.

Sophia Departs Tonight

Taking the place of the Princess Maquinna on the northern route, between Vancouver and Granby Bay, the steamer Princess Sophia will leave Victoria tonight for the Mainland port, and after taking on passengers and freight there, will proceed on Wednesday to Granby Bay.

It is expected she will continue in that service until the C.P.R. Summer schedules to Alaska become effective, when the steamers Princess Charlotte, Princess Alice and Princess Sophia will ply in the Skagway service, leaving the Princess May available for the Granby Bay run.

Simla Passes Out

The Union Oil Company's barge Simla, in tow of the tug Defiance, passed out to sea last night bound from Vancouver for San Francisco.

ENGINEERS AGREE TO DILUTION SCHEME

Prime Minister Tells Deputation Vital Importance of New Plan Towards Obtaining Victory in War.

As mentioned in cable dispatches, Mr. Asquith, Britain's prime minister, and Mr. Lloyd George, the minister of munitions, lately received a deputation of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers, who laid before them certain points in connection with the Munitions Amendment Bill. J. T. Brownlie, chairman of the executive council of the Society, introduced the deputation, and the Prime Minister and the Minister of Munitions were accompanied by Dr. Addison, (M. P.), Sir H. Llewellyn Smith, W. H. Beveridge and Sir Isaac Mitchell. Following the interview, the press bureau issued an official report of the proceedings. The Prime Minister said:

"The important thing, from the point of view of the State is that this dilution of labor should take place. It is all-important. Mr. Lloyd George cannot carry on his work efficiently and meet the necessities of the war unless dilution is resorted to; nor, consequently, can the Army, until this dilution of labor is resorted to on a large scale, and unless it is applied wholeheartedly. It must be applied wholeheartedly and with the full consent, and not only the co-operation, but more than the co-operation of societies like yours. It is all-important that we should get the output we require. It is important, from another point of view, that the output should, as far as possible, be domestic, and not foreign, because the financial problem in front of us, and a very serious one, is the obligation to pay, which can only be done in the shape of exports of gold to pay to America and countries like that for the munitions which we are getting from there. It is important from both these points of view, and it is an enormous gain from the point of view both of military efficiency and financial stability. It is an incalculable gain.

"But, in spite of the agreement made last March, unfortunately, this process of dilution has been most sparingly adopted. No doubt it is a very difficult thing to persuade men, who regard what I may call the priorities and privileges of skilled labor as almost gospel, to forego for the time being those privileges, and admit unskilled and semi-skilled men into a class of work which skilled men have been in the habit of doing. They have a fear—one which is, perhaps, not altogether unnatural—that when the war comes to an end the re-establishment of the old conditions will be impossible, and that all these elaborate safeguards which have been built up by generation after generation of trades unions for the protection of their members will be found to be undermined.

Dilution Temporary.

"The only way by which the new arrangement can be successfully dealt with is by the unions exerting all their force to remove these suspicions and to encourage the men, and bring every influence they can to bear upon them under the stress of this great national necessity to consent to this temporary process, which is absolutely necessary for the proper conduct of the war. To come back to this circular L2, as I gather, if it were observed and carried out by the employers, you would agree that the process of dilution had been properly safeguarded and that the interests which you represent were not compromised by the substitution, to whatever extent it has to take place in the so-called process of diluting skilled labor with semi-skilled or unskilled labor. What I understand you to ask is that in this amending bill the Ministry of Munitions should be given statutory powers to enforce the provisions of the same in controlled establishments."

A member of the deputation: "As well as Government shops."

"There is no difficulty there, because the State is the employer," Mr. Asquith replied. "It arises only when there is an employer who is not the Government. In other words, it arises only in controled establishments. That power has already been taken in regard to women who fall within the ambit of circular L2. But what you want is that the minister should have those powers in regard to semi-skilled and unskilled men. I have listened to what has been said, and I have approached the subject without bias, and although I see very great difficulties in one way or another, should be disposed myself to acquiesce in an amendment carefully framed on those lines, provided that I could get from you an assurance on behalf of your society that this will settle the whole matter. By 'settling the whole mater,' I mean to put an end once and for all to this long series of, I will not say complaints, but of demands and grievances, which, up to this time, as you must all agree, have hindered the carrying out of the agreement of last March. It has not been effectively carried out. As regards large parts of the country, it has not been carried out at all. Nine months have elapsed, and this is a matter of absolutely vital necessity. That is the position which I place before you, speaking, as I say, for myself and as the head of the Government. Only one other word. I want to impress upon you most earnestly the vital importance of carrying this agreement out, and carrying it out thoroughly."

At the end of the proceedings, the deputation came to the following conclusion: That we, representing the A. S.E. National Conference, having heard the statements and pledges of the Prime Minister and the Minister of Munitions decide to accept, on behalf of the conference and the membership of the Society, the scheme of dilution, and to co-operate actively therein, provided that the Government pledge itself to incorporate in the bill the power to enforce the rates of pay and condition of labor as set out in documents L2 as well as L3 in controlled establishments.

739 Yates St. **Gordons** Phone 5510

"Forest Mills" Fine Knit Underwear for Women

A Fine Knit-to-Fit Underwear, Made With the New Flat-Lock Seam

Combinations, Vests and Tights in splendid weight for early Spring wear. Made of a finely combed cotton, these garments are soft and unusually comfortable. Ask to see the new "Flat-Lock Seam."

Combinations—Made with Dutch neck, elbow sleeves and ankle length. The neck is finished with hand-crotcheted edging. Sizes 36 to 42. Prices, $1.75 and **$2.00**

Vests—In high or Dutch neck, elbow or long sleeves. These are beautiful garments. Sizes 36 to 42. Prices, 85c and **$1**

Tights—In the same superior quality, knee or ankle length, and open style only. Fitted to suit the figure comfortably, and finished with a draw tape. Sizes 36 to 42. Prices, pair, 85c and **$1.00**

New Lingerie Waists, Specially Priced

Crossbar voile, stripe voile and plain voile are the materials used, and most of them are unusually pretty. The trimmings are varied and consist of collar and cuffs of mull and fine muslin and Val. lace. They are mostly embroidered with some pretty designs and motifs, one style being embroidered in a pretty design with colored silks. These are very special value at **$1.25**

A White Sale in the Bargain Basement

Corset Covers, trimmed with laces. Price .... **25¢**
Drawers of fine muslin, lace edged. Pair .... **25¢**
Drawers of fine muslin, with tucked frill. Pair .... **35¢**
Nightgowns in slipover style, made of fine cotton, **65¢** and .... **85¢**
Nightgowns in slipover style, of white crepe .... **90¢**
Corsets, well made of strong coutil, four hose-supporters.. **75¢**
Knitted Vests, Drawers and Combinations, in new styles; Spring weight. Prices .... **15¢** to **40¢**

Canadian Pacific Railway

TRANSCONTINENTAL TRAIN SERVICE

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SLIDES BLOCK LINE OF E. & N. RAILWAY

Snow Again Covers Line Through Malahat Mountain —Passenger Train Held at Duncan Overnight.

Because of heavy slides which the thaw is sending from the hills over the E. & N. Railway Co.'s right-of-way, the operation of that road has been hampered during the past two days.

On Sunday the southbound passenger train had a struggle through the snow, reaching the Victoria depot at 9:30 p.m. The train which left the city at 9 o'clock yesterday morning got through to Wellington safely, although two hours late, but the inbound train, which started from Courtenay in the forenoon and reached Duncan in accordance with the schedule, was unable to get any further.

News had been received in the interim that the Malahat Mountain slides are quite serious and have blocked the line again. For this reason Mr. H. E. Beasley, the general superintendent, decided that it would not be wise to order the train crew to make the attempt. The passengers spent the night at Duncan, and it is hoped that it will be possible to bring them in this morning.

Ploughs Recalled

Mr. Beasley explained that the snow ploughs had been directed to turn their attention to the Port Alberni branch and were on their way there yesterday when it was learned that there had been more slides in the hills. They were immediately recalled and set to work reopening the main line south of Duncan.

It was reported that the rush of snow from the mountains had, in some instances, approached avalanches in size. It had been heaped up on the track from 10 to 15 feet deep and for as great a continuous distance as 200 feet. ..s their facilities were first-class and workmen of experience were engaged, he thought that they would be through again early today.

No Morning Train

The situation rendered it impracticable to send out the regular morning passenger train, but, providing the weather condition does not get worse,, there will be an afternoon outgoing train.

Mr. Beasley states that there has been a heavy storm recently throughout the up-Island districts, a large quantity of snow falling. It has been necessary during the past few days to have each passenger train preceded by a snow plough, so that operations had been maintained under exceedingly trying conditions.

Work had been in progress on the Cowichan Lake extension, but Mr. Beasley could not say that the progress was rapid. He thought the line would be clear in two days.

Freight was being received by way of Esquimalt and the local yards had been cleared.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No letters to the Editor will be printed except over the proper signature of the writer. This rule admits of no exception.

"The True Light"

Sir,—In your issue of Sunday last, under the caption of "The True Light," a correspondent refers to Christian Science in a manner that calls for some attention. It is far from my wish to lead on to a religious discussion, but since this criticism has been allowed to appear I trust you will welcome a brief reply.

Your correspondent is plainly laboring under a misconception as to what Christian Science really is, and her fault lies, not in censuring this misconception, but in not verifying her conclusions, and thus avoiding the danger of uttering untrue and therefore unjust statements. To first make sure that one is right would forestall hasty judgment, and if critics would more frequently steer by that course there would be less misrepresentation and denunciation of the conscientious convictions of others. Religious criticism springs from the fact that we do not all think alike on certain questions, therefore if the critics would be charitable they should remember that a difference in point of view does not necessarily put another in the wrong.

Let me assure your correspondent that Christian Scientists are not drawn to Christian Science by "a sound of goodness," but because they find it to be the substance of true religion, in that it gives them a firm foundation whereon to work out their salvation. They do not feel that their course was a weak mental wandering after a new thing, as our friend would have us believe, but rather that it was the divine response to their prayers for light and comfort concerning the problems of their existence. The astonishing thing is, that when one finds help and satisfaction in Christian Science, it should call forth anything but congratulation on the part of his fellow Christians.

If Christian Science is but a "false belief" it has a most curious effect, judging from the Master's standpoint that one cannot gather grapes from thorns nor figs from thistles. Christian Scientists have found that the practice of their religion makes them in every sense better men and women. It is making them happier, healthier, and holier. False beliefs do not produce such effects. False beliefs do not help mortals to overcome evil, heal drunkenness, nor free men from sinful passions. Because Christian Science is doing these things, and therfore helping to establish God's kingdom among men, it should receive sympathy rather than censure from those who are ostensibly working to accomplish the same things.

"The Gospel story" is surely as sweet to Christian Scientists as to others, for they have learned the necessity of not only listening to and believing it, but of taking it into their daily lives. They have learned that merely listening to the truth, or subscribing to human doctrines and opinions, does not make them Christians, but that actual obedience to the Master's teachings is the essential of true Christianity. I am sure that if your correspondent had been better informed regarding Christian Science and its helpful ministry, she would have written of it differently or not at all; therefore I hope these brief comments will be taken in the kindly spirit in which they are offered.

SAMUEL GREENWOOD.

518 Central Bldg.,
Victoria, Feb. 7, 1916.

[Since we printed a letter in which specific religions were mentioned, at least one advocate of each is entitled to be heard from in reply. But this religious correspondence must hereafter continue on a broad basis, omitting reference to any particular sect or faction.—The Editor.]

The Beaver

Sir,—In consequence of the manuscript of this article not having been checked over by me before going to press, several errors appear. Also through the pages of the Mss. having been separated, the pages do not appear in rotation of numbering. First, Capt. Mitchell (first paragraph) should read "Capt. McNeill;" later on, the "first builders" should read "fort builders." The wreck of the Beaver remained four years, not months, on the rocks. In speaking of the family of Capt. J. M. Reid, "their" daughters should read "three" daughters, and at the end of the article Col. Simmons' mill at "Turnwater," should read "Tumwater."

I am sorry these errors should have appeared, and regret I had not the opportunity of correcting the proof.

EDGAR FAWCETT.

"Dingley Dell," Victoria, B. C., February 7, 1916.

A Timely Hint

Sir,—During this "avalanchalglacial" period through which we are passing I would suggest to householders whose numbers on their houses are not in very prominent places to get a piece of board or cardboard and write the numbers in large plain figures and tack it on the front fence or gatepost. The idea is so that it may be seen from the centre of the roadway or track, as so many of the usual deliveries are put out of commission and strange drivers are employed and may not be familiar with the routes, it will save much trouble and tramping through the snow to discover the number of the house, as time is valuable in deliveries these days.

J. PHILLIPS.

1622 Douglas Street, Victoria, B. C., February 7, 1916.

"The Image of God"

Sir,—In your issue of the 6th, an editorial appears under the heading "The Image of God," which, if it were not so serious, would be amusing indeed. The whole article is based on the assumption that man today is what he was in the day he was created, an assumption which ignores one of the greatest facts in the history of man, namely, "the Eden Fall." As given in Chap. iii. of Genesis, the man lost his standing, his character, his dominion, in fact his all, for he is so far lost himself that the first word of God after the terrific catastrophe is, "Where art thou?" So now we have not God-likeness, not a "lord of creation," but man out on an awful voyage, in rebellion against God. Having sown thus he reaps accordingly, and the brute creation is seen in rebellion against him.

One point more let me touch ere closing. You seem to think the Millennium a human realisation or attainment. Alas! that this glorious future should be so persistently looked for as coming through such a wretched failure as "lost man." Why not take the guidance of the good old Book here again, which teaches that when man is busy pouring out his shame as some in Europe are today, rifling houses and ravishing women, "the Lord shall go forth and fight. . . . His feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives, the feet that were nailed to the Cross, and in righteousness shall He establish peace. And the Lord shall be King over all the earth." Zachariah xiv., verses 3 to 9. Then we know some likeness of God will be restored, and the dominion shall accompany it, for we read again of the wolf, the leopard, the lion, that "a little child shall lead them."

R. SMART.

P.S.—Something more might be said on the authorship of Genesis. However, we can rest confident on the authority of it, for Christ sets His seal on that and quotes concerning this subject of man's creation from Genesis in Matt. xix., 4.

R. S.

2226 Bowker Avenue, Willows, Victoria, B. C., February 7, 1916.

A Prophecy Fulfilled

Sir,—Few people nowadays read George Gissing's books, which I think is a pity, as there is a vein of commonsense, the offshoot of stern experience running through them all, and which is very helpful to the thoughtful reader.

Last night I was looking through the Ryecroft Papers, and was struck by a passage in his criticism of science, which seems to me to be singularly, if not marvellously, prophetic.

You probably are familiar with the book. The passage I allude to is as follows:

"I hate and fear science, because of my conviction that, for long to come if not for ever, it will be the remorseless enemy of mankind. I see it destroying all simplicity and gentleness of life; all the beauty of the world. I see it restoring barbarism under a mask of civilization; I see it darkening men's minds and hardening their hearts; I see it bringing a time of vast conflicts which will pale into insignificance the thousand wars of old, and as likely as not will overwhelm all the laborious advances of mankind in blood-drenched chaos."

Is not the foresight shown truly remarkable? Considering that the book was published about sixteen years ago.

A. W. COOKE.

Salt Spring Island, B.C., February 4, 1916.

Concert Postponed—Owing to weather conditions, the concert to have been held this evening at St. Barnabas' Church has been postponed until some future date.

Visit Cancelled—The official visit of Worthy Grand Matron Mrs. Myrtle Ross, of the Order of the Eastern Star, which was to have taken place at the meeting of Queen City Chapter, No. 2, Knights of Pythias Hall, tomorrow evening has been cancelled on account of weather conditions. The regular meeting of the Chapter will, however, be held.

Be glad at the depths of you, and you will discover that those who surround you will be good even to the same depths.—Maurice Maeterlinck.

BREAK IN POWER LINE SETS BACK COMPANY

Street Car Lines Become Clogged With Snow, Interrupting for a Time Re-Established Service.

A break in the transmission lines leading from Jordan River and the auxiliary power station at Brentwood Bay, added yesterday to the difficulties of the B. C. Electric Railway Company, and for a time promised to completely nullify all the good work that had been done in the track-clearing operations. The Brentwood line was repaired in the afternoon and the cars were again set in motion.

When the break occurred, about 8 a.m., the accident happened most inopportunely. It had snowed for the greater part of Sunday night and the early hours of Monday morning, and to cope with this new fall, cars operated all night. When the line went down, however, the cars were stalled, and with the snow falling steadily it was not long until much of the work of clearing the tracks, which had been accomplished previously, was undone.

"Despite the fact that the cars were operated all night on those sections which had been cleared of snow," said Mr. A. T. Goward, the local manager, yesterday, "the street car system was almost completely tied up this morning through a break in both transmission lines, which shut off the power, the heavy, wet snow being responsible.

"Had this accident not occurred, we would, despite the heavy fall of snow, have been able to keep the cars moving in the sections of track cleared. After the splendid work done by the soldiers, who so generously assisted in clearing the tracks, it is to be regretted exceedingly that another misfortune occurred."

Large gangs of men were employed in track-clearing operations during the greater part of Sunday, and the ploughs and snow brooms were constantly operated during the whole of Sunday night in order to prevent the snow packing on the rails.

With the snow rapidly turning to slush yesterday afternoon and last night, further good progress was made in clearing the tracks, and it is hoped to have in operation a fairly good street car service today.

COMING EVENTS

Gonzales Chapter I.O.D.E.—The annual meeting of the Gonzales Chapter, I.O.D.E., has been postponed for two weeks on account of the weather.

Orange Meeting—L.O.B.A. Victoria Purple Star No. 101 will hold a special meeting in the Orange Hall, Yates Street, tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. Officers and members are requested to attend.

Royal Oak Women's Institute—Owing to weather conditions, the meeting of the Royal Oak Women's Institute arranged for today is indefinitely postponed.

Local Council of Women—The annual meeting of the Local Council of Women, which was to have taken place tomorrow and Thursday at the Alexandra Club Hall, has been postponed until the weather moderates.

Choral Society—Owing to the state of the weather and the condition of the streets the executive of the Choral Society has decided to discontinue rehearsals until further notice. Consequently the practice this evening will not be held.

Canadian Society of Civil Engineers—Owing to the inclemency of the weather the paper which was to have been read this evening before the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers, by Mr. R. F. Hayward, of Vancouver, has been postponed until a later date.

Maccabees Meeting—Victoria Review No. 1, Woman's Benefic Association, will hold its usual meeting in the K. of C. hall, Fort Street, for the monthly business session, at 2 p.m. today. Final arrangements are to be made for the social masquerade to be held on February 17. A good attendance is requested.

Sons of England—Lodge Pride of the Island, S.O.E.B.S., is holding a smoker this evening, when Lieut. A. C. Sutton, lately returned from the front, who is a member of the above lodge, will be present. All members are expected to be present, and a hearty invitation is extended to Alexandra Lodge to partake in the welcome to Brother Sutton.

Women's Canadian Club—The meeting of the Women's Canadian Club, which was to have been held this afternoon at the Alexandra Club Hall, has been postponed on account of the inclement weather. On the occasion of the meeting, Miss Leonore Pearce was to have spoken on "Nature Students as Artists."

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CLAIM CITY DOING ALL CAN BE EXPECTED

Aldermen Think There Is Limit to What Corporation Should Do in Battling Against Traffic Blockade.

That the city is doing all it can reasonably be expected to do in the way of opening up traffic and clearing street intersections in the downtown district was asserted by members of the City Council last night, when complaints from the Retail Merchants' Association and solicitors for Messrs. Kelly-Douglas Company were before the board. The Association pointed to the loss of business through the blockade, and urged that the city should take steps to clear the business streets; the solicitors, Messrs. Barnard, Helsterman, Robertson & Tait, pointed to the danger of flood conditions and consequent damage to their clients' property on Wharf Street unless Bastion Street was cleared of snow.

Alderman McNeill opined there was a misunderstanding on the part of some of the citizens as to the extent to which the city should go in dealing with the exceptional problems created by the blockade. The city, he thought, should not be expected to do more than it is doing. Communication with the residential section was of first importance, and the engineer's department was doing as much as it could in view of the difficulty in securing horses. With the four ploughs now at work, practically all the chief streets of the city would be opened by Tuesday evening. The gutters downtown have been opened up but people cleaning roofs threw snow into them and filled many up. The time had arrived, the alderman stated, to require owners to clean their sidewalks.

Traffic by Sleighs

Alderman Johns suggested that if the downtown streets were cleared of snow, as suggested by the solicitors for Messrs. Kelly, Douglas Company, other firms would be demanding that snow be put back to facilitate traffic by sleighs.

Alderman Peden brought up the question of the excessive charges being made for the delivery of some articles, and declared some firms were taking "a disgraceful advantage" of conditions.

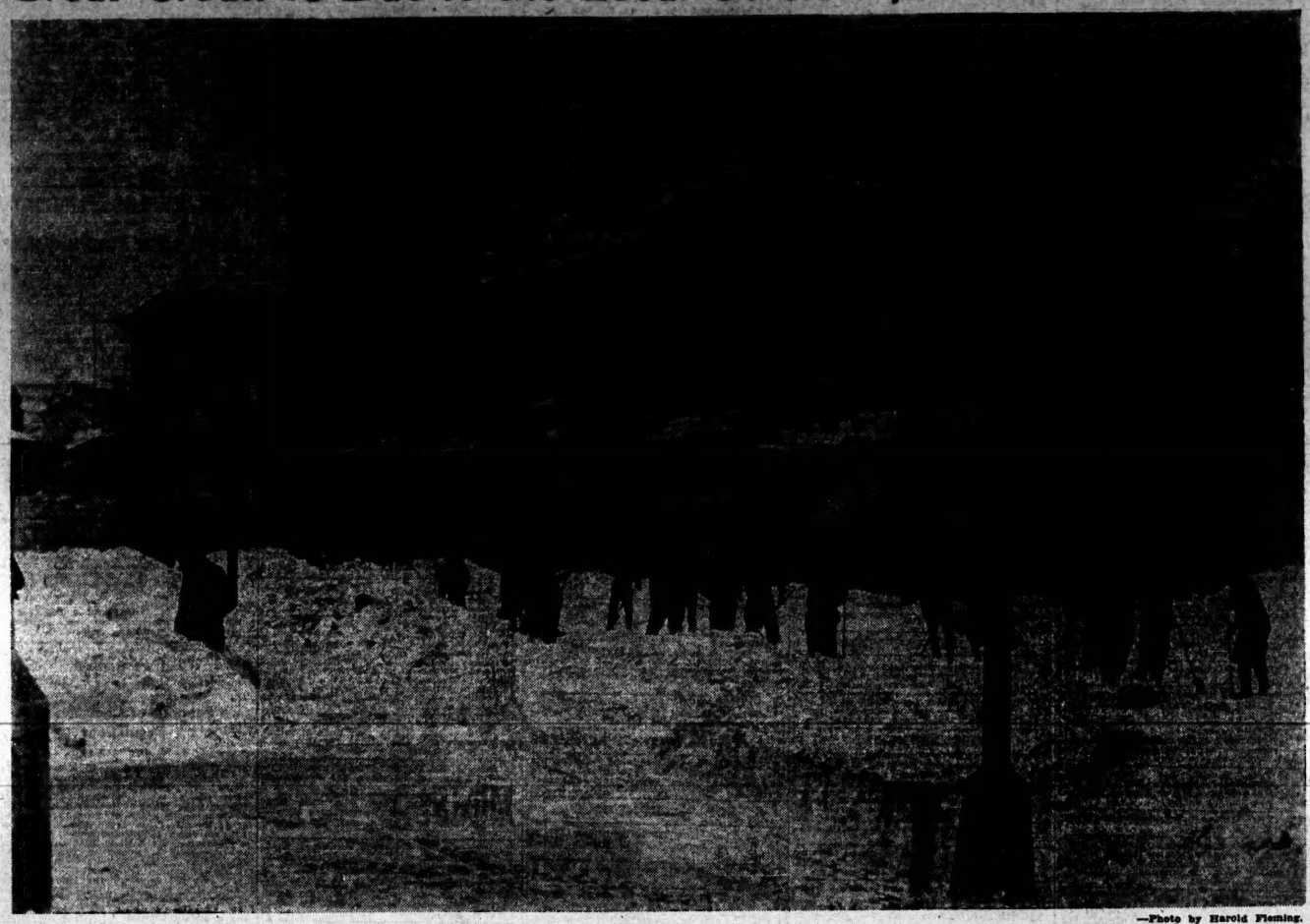
Alderman Porter stated that unfortunately the by-law governing such a state of affairs, while referring to "other vehicles" did not include the word "sleigh," and consequently, he was informed, the by-law could not be enforced in respect to deliveries by sleighs.

Alderman Dilworth inquired if the threat contained in the letter from the firm of solicitors, to the effect that if any damage resulted to premises through flooding the city would have to make it good, could be carried into effect. If so the city might have to face a long bill of damages.

Alderman Todd declared the Council had given the engineer full power to act, and if conditions required it that official could act without the Council taking cognizance of the complaint.

Finally it was decided to advise the Retail Merchants' Association of the steps being taken by the city, and to seek the Association's co-operation in keeping the sidewalks clear. The complaint of the solicitors of Messrs. Kelly, Douglas Company, was filed.

Great Credit Is Due to the Local Soldiers for Their Assistance



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Soldiers clearing Government Street in front of the Post Office. On the second day of the worst weather within the memory of most of Victoria's citizens, hundreds of members of the local battalions opened a thoroughfare through the business streets in order to reach their supply base. Since that day detachments from the various units stationed at this point have rendered invaluable service in opening up the city's streets to traffic, especially to tramway traffic.

MAIL SERVICE IS BEING MAINTAINED

Some Arrangements Effective on Saturday Carried Out Yesterday Despite Snowfall—Up-Island Delivery

The snow and sleet which fell during the week-end had little effect upon the postal service, and the delivery arrangements in effect at the close of last week were carried out again yesterday without any change.

Despite the havoc wrought by the snowfall on the country roads, all the rural mail carriers made the attempt to reach town and their efforts were rewarded with success. While the V. & S. trains are still snowbound, the mail service to intermediate points will be maintained in future by sleigh until the railroad tracks can be cleared. Mail was taken to Turgoose station, Royal Oaks and Keatings by this method yesterday, but Sidney and the more northerly settlements have had to rely entirely upon the water routes for their

The Queen City, working on a weekly schedule, delivered a quantity of letters and parcels at Sidney and the Straits of Georgia islands yesterday, but she will not repeat the trip until next Monday. In the meantime the railroad will be in commission, it being understood that a train will go up the line some time this morning.

Until the weather moderates to an appreciable extent, more than a single daily delivery to the residential sections of the city cannot be insured, although the regular service to the business parts continues.

A shipment of English mail was received yesterday morning, consisting of nine bags of letters and three bags of papers. It came via New York and left Liverpool on January 19.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. R. E. Gosnell returned yesterday from a sojourn of three weeks at Harrison Lake Hot Springs. He finds himself in much improved health.

A quiet wedding took place in St. John's Church on Saturday evening, when Mr. Charles H. J. Rees, of the SS. Santa Maria, was married to Miss Esther Mary Alden, of Deep Cove. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick, the witnesses being Mr. and Mrs. James W. Mitchell, of Victoria.

POSTPONE NOMINATION OF MR. H. C. BREWSTER

Mr. H. C. Brewster, leader of the Liberal party in British Columbia, who will contest the by-election in Victoria with Mr. A. C. Flumerfelt, the new Minister of Finance for British Columbia, in the near future, cannot be nominated until the weather moderates and transportation facilities are restored.

The Victoria Liberal Association intended holding its convention last Friday night, but the executive decided that a snow-bound city was no place for such a meeting. The time for the convention has not yet been set.

MAN WHO RECONCILED VATICAN AND MONACO

It is owing chiefly to the efforts of Count Maggiorino Capello, a prominent Turin lawyer, that diplomatic relations are again resumed between the Vatican and the small principality of Monaco. French Catholics look on it as the first step toward far greater reconciliation between the French Republic and the Papacy.

Prince Albert of Monaco quarrelled with the Vatican in 1911, when President Loubet was received by the Pope. He contended that, as the only French Catholic monarch he, and not the President, should have represented Catholics in France. This caused relations to be much strained. But the affair grew worse when Prince Albert shortly afterward went to Rome and saw the King first. This is always a point of delicacy with sovereigns visiting Rome. He who first goes to the Vatican cannot see the King, and he who sees the King first is not welcome at the Vatican.

The Emperor of Austria, as the greatest Catholic monarch in the world, solved the problem by avoiding Rome, even as a young man.

In any case the incident widened the misunderstanding between the Vatican and Monaco into an open quarrel. But Count Maggiorino Capello worked hard when the present Pope came to the throne to bring about a reconciliation. His overtures were well received by Benedict XV., anxious to have as many diplomatic relations as possible. And now that his efforts are successful, the Count will be Prince Albert's Minister at the Holy See.

Count Capello is an eminent lawyer and a pious Catholic, as well as one of the leading authorities on international law in Italy. His wife, Countess Amelia, is most active in her efforts to spread the Catholic revival in Turin.

Northwestern Skating

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Feb. 7.—C. Pearson, of Minneapolis, won the five-mile race, the feature event Saturday of the Northwestern amateur ice-skating tournament, covering the distance in 17 minutes 30 2-3 seconds. J. Karlson, Minneapolis, was second. Karlson also won the three-mile race, his time being 10 minutes 31 seconds. An accident at the start gave his opponents a lead of 220 yards. The distance races will be run tomorrow.

The world has yet to know how much it owes to the British Fleet, and how assured victory which is coming to us in the future is coming at least as much as the gift of the British Navy as it is of the splendid valor of the Allied troops, whether British or foreign.—First Lord of the Admiralty.

Subscribe to the Tuesday drawing for Red Cross Society. Tickets one dollar.

FERRY SERVICE GOES TO NEW WESTMINSTER

Mainland End of Victoria's Patricia Bay Connection by Water Decided on by Canadian Northern.

Mr. D. O. Lewis, divisional engineer for the Vancouver Island section of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway, is at present on a visit to Toronto, whither he proceeded to discuss terminal plans at Victoria with the head officers of the company. He is due to return to the city next week. The severe weather and heavy snowfall has temporarily put a stop to construction work on the Patricia Bay line, but with the clearing away of the snow there will be a resumption of operations.

The ferry service to be established between the Mainland and Patricia Bay is likely to develop an important additional transportation line between this city and New Westminster. The New Westminster city council the other day had before it plans and blueprints of the proposed route of the Canadian Northern Pacific through that city, which were explained by Mr. W. G. Swan and Mr. F. J. Coulthard, acting for the railway company.

It is proposed by the company to establish wharves at the company's property at the old Royal City mills site and operate a ferry service from New Westminster to Victoria. The plans roughly provide for a track running west from the Fraser River bridge over C. N. R. property lying along the north side of Front Street as far as Lytton Square. The track then crosses the street and runs east onto the proposed depot site at the foot of Tenth Street on the old Royal City mills property, on the widened Front Street.

INTERURBAN LINE

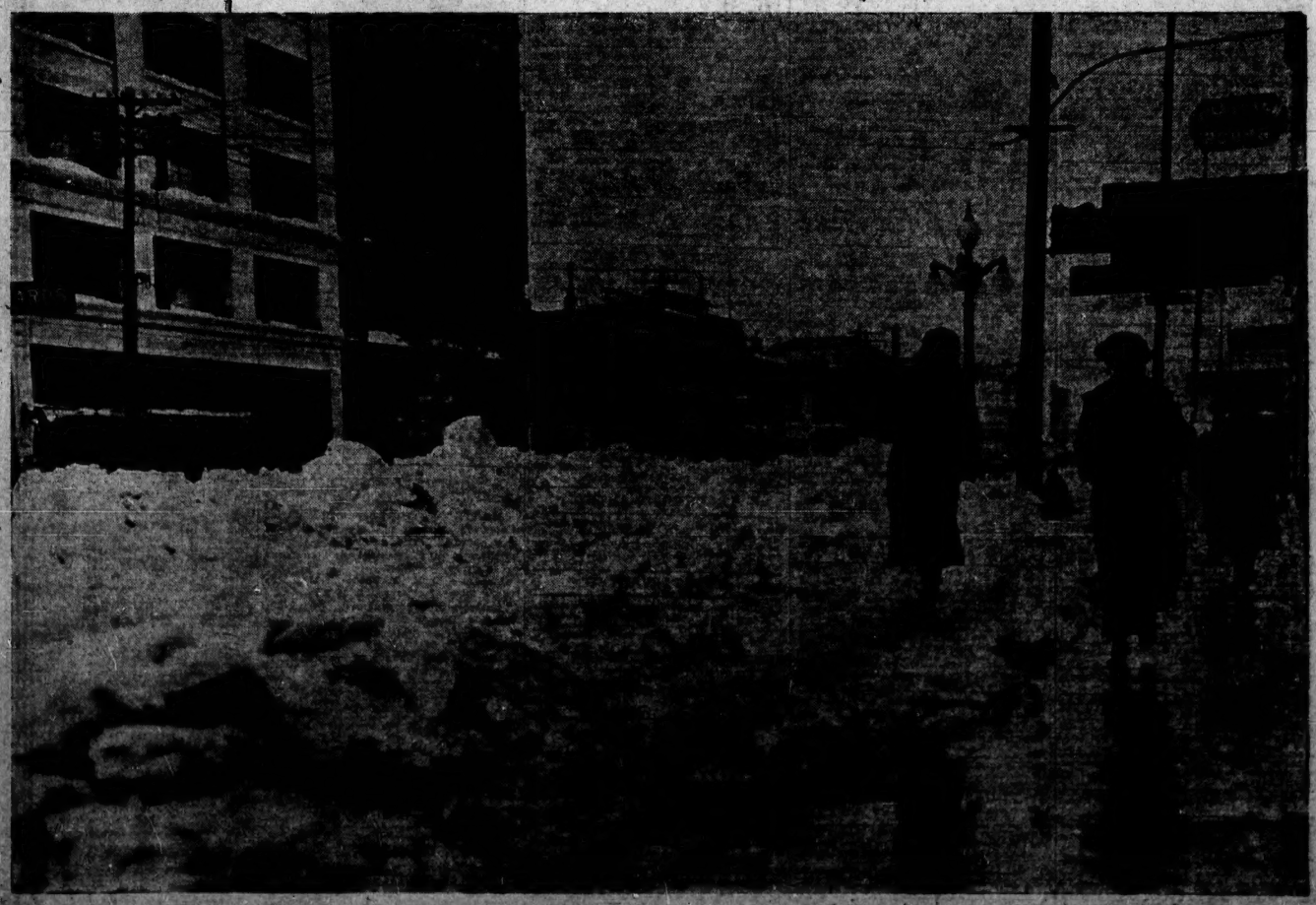
B. C. Electric Expects to Have Road Open as Far as Eberts Today

Mr. F. D. Picken, superintendent of the Saanich division of the B.C. Electric, stated last night that such good progress had been made yesterday in the track-clearing operations that commencing this morning at 7:30 o'clock the full service on the interurban would be resumed between the city and Eberts.

The line is clear between Saanichton and Sluggets station, and gangs of men are working both north and south with great energy in the snow clearing operations. Should weather conditions remain favorable, it is hoped to have the entire line cleared by tomorrow and the through service resumed on schedule time.

Day School, Night School for men and women. Individual Instruction. Sprott-Shaw Institute. Pemberton Building. Send for particulars.

Yates Street Scene After the Heavy Snowfall of Last Wednesday



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WANTED—Modern cottage and 1 to 3 acres, near city; bargain price. H. D. Miller & Co., Ltd., 1603 Douglas St.

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FOR Rent—1791 Haultain Street, $6, to reliable tenant. P. R. Brown, Broad Street.

MODERN house $8. Agents, Lee & Fraser.

SIX-room house, close in (new). Apply 1054 Burdett Avenue.

TO Let—2635 Blanshard Street, near Hillside car line, 6-room house, with bath, toilet, best linoleum in every room, electric light fixtures complete, large woodshed; rent cheap. Lee Dye & Co., 715 View Street. Phone 134.

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WANTED—Bungalow or small modern house in James Bay; full particulars, P. O. Box 1422.

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FIVE-room modern bungalow, furnace, furnished or not; 3-mile circle; half acre. Phone 942X3.

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WANTED—Four or 5-room furnished house for occupancy Feb. 10; ten minutes from new Drill Hall. Box 1489, Colonist.

WANTED—Furnished modern bungalow; responsible party; no children. Box 1594, Colonist.

WANTED—Small house or cottage, furnished or unfurnished; Esquimalt district; low rent. Full particulars to Box 1566 Colonist.

POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK

ABERDEEN—Cheap or exchange pup larger breed. R2866.

AS soon as snow goes, on account of illness, I must sell 100 S. C. White Leghorn pullets, Hinck's strain, in lots as wanted, $1 each; 25 Rhode Island pullets, $1 each; all pullets in lay; one pen guaranteed G. D. Adams' White Wyandotte yearling hens, five, and magnificent cockerel, $12.50; one pen Rhode Island yearling hens, ten, and fine Reid & Greenwood cock, $12.50. Suttie, Wood-Merriton Ranch, Langford, or phone 1615.

BEAUTIFUL singing canaries; 1350 Bay Street.

CANARIES—Singers, $2.50; hens, 75c.; W. J. Palmer, 1401 Monterey Avenue.

FOR Sale—An exceptionally beautiful Silver Persian cat (female), six months old; pedigree; prize-winner at four months old; price moderate. Apply P. O. Box 497, Duncans.

FOR Sale—One Jersey cow and calf, third calf; quiet family cow and good milker. Apply S. Fairclough, Fourth St., Sidney, B. C.

FOR Sale—One registered Jersey cow, four years old, due to freshen, price $100. Geo. E. McLean, Sidney, B. C.

FOR Sale—R. C. Rhode Island Reds, cock and cockerel, $2 each. 202 Dundas St.

FOR Sale—Registered Jersey cow, age 3¼ years, bred to Jersey bull, to calve in April; price $125. Apply P. O. Gray, Metchosin P. O., or phone 3471R4.

IF you have poultry to sell phone 4344. We will call and pay highest cash price.

IF you have live stock, chickens, etc., for sale, ship to or write City Market Auction, Victoria. Phone 2484. Prompt cash returns.

JERSEY heifer, fresh, milking 14 pints, $65. This is a snap; going to the front. Phone 3219.

L. F. SOLLY, Lakeview Poultry Farm, Westholme, B. C., breeder of vigorous laying strains of White Leghorns and White Wyandottes. Order now for Spring delivery. Day-old chicks and hatching eggs. Write for illustrated catalogue containing valuable information on raising chickens and feeding fowls.

ONE goose flown. Finder please notify Siderfin, General Delivery, City.

ORDER now for Spring delivery, trapnested hatching eggs, day-old chicks and ducklings; parties not desiring the raising of chicks we recommend ten weeks, four months, six and eight-month-old pullets and ducks, cockerels and drakes; breeders of exhibition and utility strains of White Wyandottes, White Orpingtons, White Leghorns, White Pekin and Fawn Indian Runner ducks. Stock absolutely guaranteed. Write now for prices and full information. The famous Shellybrook Poultry Farm, Parksville, B. C.

PONY 14 hands, flea-bitten grey; good in harness or saddle. Sacrifice for $30. Phone 3070L.

POULTRY wanted for cash. Phone 4344.

SIX Pekin drakes. Box 1586, Colonist.

WANTED—Small flock of geese, harness and rig. Exchange young mammoth turkey gobbler for hen. Price and particulars to Box 1634, Colonist.

WANTED to buy, two young dapple grey horses that will work single; weight 1,400 to 1,500 lbs. Swift Canadian Co., Ltd., Store Street.

WE will buy your live poultry, ducks, etc., pay highest cash price. Phone 3019L.

150 Sheep or less; state full particulars. 2312 Douglas Street.

AUTOMOBILES

AUTOMOBILES for Sale—1911 Ford; late model Ford truck; 1912 Hudson; Studebaker; 1912 Buick; Overland (will take a Ford in trade). Cameron, 521 Superior, behind Parliament Bldgs.

FIVE-Passenger car for hire any time. Phone 3809L.

ONE 1912 English Laudaulette in perfect condition, worm drive, rear axle beautifully sprung; cheap for cash. Phone 4633. Cameron Motor Co., 1052 Fort Street.

PLAYER-Piano and Records; nearly new, cheap for cash; or trade for good automobile. Box 1563 Colonist.

SEVEN-Passenger car, in good shape, to trade for clear title real estate. Box 1564 Colonist.

WANTED—Late model car; will pay cash. Cameron, 521 Superior.

WILL trade 7-passenger car; fine condition; for a two-seater Ford and little cash; or what have you to trade. Box 1514 Colonist

1914 36 Chalmers, perfect condition, cheap; 1913 36 Chalmers, $450; Everitt, $275; 1912 Ford, $375; Buick, $125. Phone 4633. Cameron Motor Co., 1052 Fort Street.

WANT TO EXCHANGE

WANTING to buy 5-room house of furniture. Phone 1879.

WILL trade my equity in modern 4-room bungalow for clear lot, balance on house, $1,800. Box 1524, Colonist.

WE specialize in exchanging all classes of property; 600 trades to choose from. Campbell Bros., 1007 Government Street.

WHAT Offers—Cozy bungalow, strictly modern, nice location, Victoria West, cost $3,500, mortgage $1,800; will accept best offer over $2,000, either cash, auto or vacant lot. Phone 3991L.

WILL exchange 320 acres good Alberta farm land for Coast property and some cash; or would consider shares in industrial, trust or mining company. Box 1655, Colonist.

WILL give three good lots in city, size 140x132, for two lots, level and cleared, Laurel Street or thereabout. Write "S," P. O. Box 619, Victoria.

LOST AND FOUND

A LITTLE coat was left at 1126 Richardson Street about Christmas time. If the owner applies he may have it.

FOUND—Bird dog, color black. This dog has been hunting wild on a private estate for considerable time; has a collar but no licence or name plate. Owner may have dog on the payment of damages and after notification to poundkeeper and game warden, advertisement, etc. If no answer to this advertisement is received by Feb. 8, dog will be shot. Address Franco-Canadian Corporation, Belmont House.

FOUND—Brown purse containing money and cheque. Owner may have same by proving property and paying for this ad. Box 1588, Colonist.

LOST—A fox terrier bitch; reward if returned to Dr. Hamilton, 629 Broughton Street.

LOST—A Gordon Setter dog, black and tan. Finder suitably rewarded by returning same to E. F. Geiger, 717 Queens Avenue.

LOST—A small dog, long white ruff hair, brown and white head. A. H. Johnson, 1523 Belcher Street, phone 3374L.

LOST—Between Oak Bay High School and 1324 St. David Street, a black knitted silk scarf. Reward, Mrs. Galletly, 1324 St. David Street.

LOST—Between Westholme Hotel and Terry's drug store, Fort Street, via Yates, a pearl brooch and gold locket, made of an English guinea one side and English sovereign other side. A handsome reward on return to L. F. Scott, Westholme, Hotel.

LOST—Black Gordon Setter; owners name and address on collar. Finder please telephone 1906 or 4704L. Capt. C. W. Birch, 1572 Vining Street, City.

LOST—Child's rubber shoe between Collinson Street and Central School. Apply 701 Vancouver. Phone 1231L.

LOST—Collie bitch. Kindly return to F. Fuller, 1025 Johnson Street. Reward.

LOST—Diamond ring on Quadra Street or King's Road; reasonable reward. Phone 3731R.

LOST—Lady's straw suit case, corner Yates and Broad Street. Please return to Colonist office.

LOST—Gordon setter dog, black and tan. Name of owner and address on collar. Finder please phone 2748R2.

LOST—Grey tweed overcoat on Joan Crescent; finder please phone 918; or call at 615 Fort Street. Reward.

FOUND—On Fort Street last Wednesday night, a black fur glove. Owner can have same by proving property and paying for this ad.

LOST—Rowboat off Trial Island, Friday. Pease, Cadboro Bay. Phone 1582R2.

FOUND—Wire-haired terrier, white with black and tan markings. Madrona Farm, Gordon Head.

LOST—On February 1, between Heywood Avenue and the Arena, amethyst and paste earring. Reward. Phone 2878L.

LOST—Several personal letters, one written in pencil, no envelope, and two others written in ink. These are of no value to anyone, but important to the loser. If found by anyone please notify Box 1530, Colonist, and receive reward.

LOST—Silver bracelet on leather strap. Reward. Box 1495. Colonist.

LOST—Silver watch bracelet on leather strap. Reward. Box 1495, Colonist.

LOST—Sunday evening, silver brooch between Oak Bay Avenue and C. C. Cathedral. Phone 1415. Reward.

LOST—On Friday afternoon, $10 bill. Finder please phone 1202.

LOST—On Saturday afternoon, 29th inst., between 3 and 4 o'clock, lady's blue leather hand bag with purse inside containing notes and silver; dropped getting into Oak Bay car at Douglas Street or left inside the car. Phone 2660L2.

LOST—Purse containing money and canteen tickets; return to hospital, 103rd Battalion, New Drill Hall; reward.

STRAYED from Pemberton Block Saturday night, black cocker spaniel, answers to name of "Nigger." Kindly return to Willows Hotel and receive reward.

STRAYED from vicinity May and Linden black and white English Setter bitch; pup 9 months old. Finder please phone 2190 and secure reward.

BUSINESS CHANCES

CANADIAN patent for electric light switch; best ever invented; must sell on account of poor health. Box 1521, Colonist.

EXCELLENT opportunity for energetic party with small capital; investigate this at 578 Yates Street.

RARE business opportunity for active gentleman with $1,000; every investigation solicited. Apply first instance Box 1551 Colonist.

WANTED—Partner; must have capital and some experience in greenhouse. Box 1502, Colonist.

WEEKLY newspaper wanted by capable journalist in B. C. Coast or fruit growing district; must stand investigation and be on reasonable terms. Apply, giving full particulars, to Box 1534, Colonist.

TEACHERS WANTED

APPLICATION for the position of secretary of Saanich School Board will be received up to 5th February; salary $50 per month. Board of School Trustees, Royal Oak P. O.

AGENTS WANTED

AGENTS—Men or women. "World's Greatest War," beating all selling records; sample book free; experience unnecessary; make $40 weekly. War Book Publishers, Brantford, Ontario.

AGENTS—"World's Greatest War" going like a whirlwind. Sample book and Christmas Catalogue free on promise to canvass. Experience unnecessary. Make seven dollars daily. Bradley-Garretson, Brantford, Ont.

CROFT & ASHBY

Phone [illegible]—[illegible] View Street—P. O. Box 896

TIMBER Lands—Over $8,000,000,000 feet in British Columbia, Oregon and Washington.

MINES, farms, pulp propositions.

The man who, being victorious, will end the war, immediately when the vital interests of his nation will allow it, must be hailed as the greatest man of our century.—Count Julius Andrassy.

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER of the Estate of Isabella Catherine Hunter, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having any claims against the late Isabella Catherine Hunter, who died on or about the 12th day of January, 1916, at the City of Victoria, B. C., are required to send the same with full particulars, in writing, duly verified, to the undersigned, Solicitor for the Executor under the will of the said deceased, on or before the 29th day of February, 1916, and that after the last-mentioned date the said Executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 28th day of January, 1916.

H. S. PRINGLE,
208-9 Central Bldg., Victoria, B. C., Solicitor for the said Executor.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES HILL LAWSON, DECEASED

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having any claims against the deceased, who died on the 30th day of November, 1915, at the City of Victoria, are required to send same to the undersigned, Solicitors for the Executors of the Will of the said deceased. And take notice that after the 1st day of March, 1916, the Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have had notice.

Dated the 6th day of January, 1916.

BODWELL & LAWSON,
918 Government Street, Victoria, B. C.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

In the Goods of Geoffrey Launcelot Watson, Deceased.

Take notice that probate of the will of Geoffrey Launcelot Watson, late of Lillooet District and of Westholme, British Columbia, who died on the 21st day of April, 1915, has been issued to Anthony Robert Margesson, sole executor.

All persons having claims against the estate are requested to send full particulars thereof, duly verified, to the undersigned on or before the 19th day of February, 1916, after which date the executor will proceed with the distribution of the estate, having regard only to such claims of which he shall then have received notice.

Dated this 13th day of January, A. D. 1916.

CREASE & CREASE
Solicitors for the said executor
410 Central Building, Victoria, B. C.

Synopsis of Coal Mining Regulations

COAL mining rights of the Dominion, in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the Northwest Territories and in a portion of the Province of British Columbia, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years at an annual rental of $1 an acre. Not more than 2,560 acres will be leased to one applicant.

Application for a lease must be made by the applicant in person to the Agent or sub-Agent of the district in which the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal sub-divisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out by the applicant himself.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of $5, which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined, and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of $10 an acre.

For full information, application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

W. W. CORY,
Deputy Minister of the Interior

N. B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.—58782.

Tenders will be received until noon on Wednesday, 23rd February, 1916, for supplies of the following stores to H. M. C. Naval Establishments and Ships on the Pacific Station, from 1st April, 1916, until 31st March, 1917:

Fresh Meats; Fresh Fish; Fresh Milk; Fresh Vegetables; Bacon and Lard; Bread; Butter; Coal, Shore Establishments; Coal at British Columbia Ports; Gasoline and Coal Oil at Prince Rupert; Uniforms, tailor-made; Washing of Clothing, Bedding, etc.; Cartage; Interments, Coffins and Graves.

Forms of tender may be obtained on application to the undersigned. Applicants should specify what particular Tender Forms they require.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

(Sgd.) GEORGE PHILLIPS,
Naval Store Officer,
H. M. C. Dockyard, Esquimalt.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PRIVATE BILLS.

NOTICE.

TAKE NOTICE that the time limited by the Rules of the House for presenting petitions for Private Bills will expire on Monday, the 13th day of March, 1916.

Private Bills must be presented to the House on or before Thursday, the 30th day of March, 1916.

Reports from committees reporting upon Private Bills must be presented to the House on or before Thursday, the 6th day of April, 1916.

Dated this 3rd day of February, 1916.

THORNTON FELL,
Clerk Legislative Assembly.

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

COURT OF REVISION

Notice is hereby given that a Court of Revision for the purpose of hearing complaints against the assessment for the year 1916, as made by the Assessor, and for revising, equalizing and correcting the Assessment Roll will be held in the Municipal Hall on Monday, March 13th, 1916, at 11 a.m.

All complaints or objections to the said Assessment Roll must be made in writing and delivered to the Assessor at least ten days before the date of the first sitting of the Court, namely, the 13th day of March, 1916.

Dated at the Township of Esquimalt this 5th day of February, 1916.

G. H. PULLEN,
Assessor.

MONTREAL PRODUCE

MONTREAL, Feb. 7.—Butter shows improved demand and an easier feeling prevails. The cheese situation is unchanged and business quiet. Eggs were stronger today.

Cheese—Finest Westerns, 18¼ to 18½; finest Easterns, 18 to 18¼.

Butter—Choicest creamery, 34 to 35; seconds, 32½ to 33.

Eggs—Fresh 37; selected 29 to 30; No. 1 stock 27;

Pork—Heavy Canada short mess 31; Canada short cut back 30.

NEW YORK CURB PRICES

(Furnished by F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

Stocks—	Bid.	Asked.
American Marconi	4	4⅜
Buffalo	⅝	1
Can. Copper	1⅝	2
Canadian Marconi	1	2
Crown Reserve	57	62
Daly West	2⅝	3
Dome Mines	28	28½
Em. Phone	12½	13
Hedley Gold	27	29
Howe Sound	4½	4⅝
Gold Con.	95	100
Hollinger	29½	30
Kerr Lake	4⅝	4⅞
La Rose	56	60
Mines of Ams.	2⅝	2⅞
Nipissing	7⅛	7⅜
Standard Lead	1⅝	1⅞
Stewart	56	60

DEVELOPMENTS HELP TO ADVANCE PRICES

Prospects of Settlement of Lusitania Case Is Factor in Stock Market—Some Groups Active and Strong.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Prospects of an early and final settlement of the Lusitania case and other week-end developments of a favorable character contributed in no uncertain manner to the enhancement of quoted values today. Prices opened with gains from 1 to 3 points, which were doubled, and even trebled, later in some of the highly speculative leaders, especially Baldwin Loco., petroleums, motors, and coppers, while various unclassified issues rose more unevenly. The movement in oils was accompanied by statements of a merger or consolidation of the leading companies operating in Mexico and California. Mexican Petroleum made a gain of 5⅝ at 111⅝; California Petroleum rose 5½ to 67½, and Associated Oil 3 at 68.

Baldwin gained 6¼ to 118½, following rumors of that company's probable amalgamation with one or more kindred concerns, and the strength of the metals was directly traceable to the much higher prices quoted by leading producers of copper for deliveries running into the middle of the year. Mercantile Marine Pfd. and the 4½ per cent bonds also rose materially on publication of an outline of the proposed reorganization.

U. S. Steel gave a good account of itself with the optimistic forecasts of the unfilled tonnage statement for January, which is to be issued on Thursday. Lackawanna Steel made a maximum loss of 5⅝ to 75¾ on abandonment of the merger with Youngstown and Cambria Steel, and Crucible Steel showed moderate pressure.

Rails again lagged behind in point of activity, but were firm to strong. New Haven was assisted to a higher level on assurance that it is not intended to add to the fixed charges by new financing, and Rock Island reflected further accumulation.

Total sales were 600,000 shares.

Firmness ruled in the bond market, with further extensive dealings in Anglo-French 5's. Total sales (par value) $3,750,000. U.S. bonds were unchanged on call.

(Furnished by F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

Stocks—	High.	Low.	Bid.
Alaska Gold	..	..	24⅛
Allis-Chalmers	30½	28	30
Amn. Coal Pdks.	168	165	167
Amn. Beet Sugar	67½	66⅝	67½
Amn. Can.	62⅞	61⅝	62⅛
Amn. Car and Fdy.	70½	67¼	69¾
Amn. Steel Fdy.	55⅝	55	55½
Amn. Woolen	51	49⅝	50½
Amn. Locomotive	68½	66⅝	67⅝
Amn. Smelting	102⅝	100⅛	102⅛
Amn. Sugar	114⅝	113½	113
Anaconda	87⅝	86⅝	86¼
Atchison	104	103	10[illegible]
Balt. and Ohio	88⅞	88⅜	8[illegible]
Brooklyn Rap. Tran.	87⅝	87	87⅛
C. P. R.	171	170	171
Cal. Petroleum	34	32⅝	33¼
Central Leather	53½	53	53⅜
Ches. and Ohio	62⅝	62½	62⅝
C. M. and St. P.	98	97⅝	98
Colo. Fuel and Iron	46⅝	45	46⅝
Crucible	84	81⅝	82½
Con. Gas	137⅛	137	137⅛
Erie	38½	37⅝	38½
do 1st pfd.	..	..	53⅜
Great Northern pfd.	..	..	45⅝
Guggenheim	23¼	22⅝	23
Inspiration	46	45⅝	46
Ind. Alcohol	156⅛	154	156
Baldwin	118½	114½	117⅝
Lackawanna	79	75½	78⅝
Kas. City So.	..	..	27
Lehigh Valley	78⅜	77⅛	77⅝
Maxwell Motor	72⅝	71⅝	71½
Mex. Petroleum	111⅝	108⅛	110½
Midvale	..	..	71¼
N. Y. Air Brake	..	..	146½
Nat. Lead	..	..	71⅛
New Haven	68½	67⅝	67½
N. Y. Central	106¼	105⅝	117⅛
Norfolk and West	117½	116⅝	117⅛
Northern Pacific	113⅝	113⅜	113⅜
Pennsylvania	56½	56	56⅜
People's Gas	106	106	108
Pressed Steel Car	57⅝	55¼	57⅛
Reading	78	77¼	77⅝
Rep. Iron and Steel	54	53	53½
Sloss Sheffield	59	58	58⅛
Southern Pac.	100⅛	99⅝	[illegible]
Southern Railway	21⅝	21	21⅝
Studebaker Corp.	154⅝	150½	153
Tenn. Copper	..	..	56⅝
Union Pacific	134⅛	133⅝	132¾
U. S. Rubber	52½	51½	52½
U. S. Steel	84⅜	83½	84
do pfd.	117	116	117
Utah Copper	79¾	78⅜	79⅝
Westinghouse	67⅝	66⅝	67⅛
Granby (Boston)	..	..	94

VICTORIA STOCK EXCHANGE

Stocks—	Bid.	Asked.
Blackbird Syndicate	18.00	23.00
Can. Copper Co.	1.90	2.20
Can. Cons. S. and R.	140.00	150.00
Coronation Gold	...	.14
Granby	.94½	.96
Int. Coal and Coke Co.	.06½	.08
Lucky Jim Zinc	.08⅜	.09
McGillivray Coal	.13½	.14
Portland Canal	...	.01½
Rambler Cariboo	.18	.20
Red Cliff	...	.03
Standard Lead	1.82	1.95
Snowstorm	.25	.27
Stewart M. and D.	...	.75
Slocan Star	.22	.26
Stewart Land	...	.07
Vict. Phoenix Brew.	...	115.00
Unlisted—		
American Marconi	3.80	4.00
Canadian Marconi	1.00	2.00
Glacier Creek	...	.04
Island Investment	...	.21
Union Club (new)	...	40.00
do (old)	...	90.00
Univ. School Deb.	...	100.00
Howe Sound Min. Co.	6.80	7.10
Pingree Mines	...	.10
P. C. Tunnels	...	.05

MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

(Furnished by F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

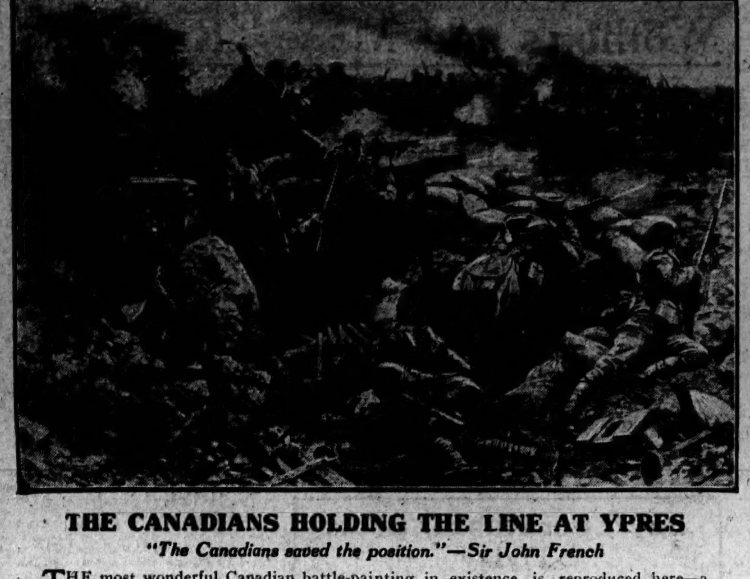
Stocks—	Bid.	Asked.
Ames	21½	22
do pfd.	74	75
B. C. Fish	..	62
Bell Telephone	146	147
Brazil	..	54
Can. Car	72½	74
Can. Cement	47	47½
Can. S. S. Co.	19	19¾
do pfd.	75½	76
C. P. R.	170½	171
Can. Cotton	..	38
Dom. Bridge	221½	222
Detroit United	78	79
Dom. Canners	..	31
Dom. Steel Co.	44½	45
Hillcrest Colls.	..	28
Illinois Tract.	..	61
Lake of the Woods	133	135
Laurentide	184	186
Laurentide Power	55	56
Mackay Co.	79	81
Montreal Power	224	225
Montreal Tram.	..	220
N. S. Steel	96	96½
Ogilvie	126	..
Ottawa Power	..	120
Penmanship	62½	63
Quebec Railway	13	14
Shawinigan	131	133
Steel of Can.	38	39½
Textile	77	78
Toronto Railway	..	111
Tuckett's	..	29
Twin City	94	95
Winnipeg Electric	..	190

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKET

(Furnished by F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

Wheat—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	1.32⅞	1.33	1.27⅝	1.27⅞
July	1.24⅛	1.24⅛	1.19⅝	1.20⅜
Corn—				
May	.77½	.77½	.75⅝	.75⅞
July	.77⅝	.77⅝	.75⅝	.76⅛
Oats—				
May	.49⅝	.49⅝	.47⅝	.48⅛
July	.46⅝	.47⅝	.46	.46
Pork—				
May	20.30	20.33	20.17	20.22

Subscribe to the Tombola drawing for Red Cross Society. Tickets one dollar.



THE CANADIANS HOLDING THE LINE AT YPRES

"The Canadians saved the position."—Sir John French

THE most wonderful Canadian battle-painting in existence is reproduced here—a picture which shows with indescribable vividness the terrible conditions in which our gallant soldiers won immortal fame and glory—drawing from Sir John French the remarkable tribute quoted above.

The artist is W. B. Wollen, R.I., a famous battle-painter, and this is his masterpiece. It has special interest in that Lieut. Niven, the sole surviving officer, will be easily recognized in the trenches calling to his men..

Such a soul-stirring picture brings home to all who see it the wonderful pride of race which is theirs. It is a picture which every Canadian must possess, and the owners of the original painting have had it very carefully copied by the most up-to-date process, whereby the artist's coloring is faithfully given, and every detail shown to the fullest advantage. The pictures measure 15¼ inches by 22 inches, and are splendidly mounted on a high-grade plate-sunk mount measuring 27 inches by 33¼ inches, ready for framing.

HOW TO SECURE THIS PICTURE FREE

The original of this picture is owned by the proprietors of Dr. Cassell's Tablets and Veno's Lightning Cough Cure, who have at very great expense had these beautiful colored reproductions made (entirely free from advertising matter), and are arranging for their FREE distribution to all who send 12 outer wrappers taken from 50 cents size of Dr. Cassell's Tablets, Dr. Cassell's Instant Relief, or 60 cents Veno's Lightning Cough Cure. If the 30 cents size Cough Cure is purchased two outer wrappers will count as one.

In this way you will not only secure a free copy of this remarkable and valuable picture, but you will be bringing into your home indispensable remedies which should always be at hand.

Dr. Cassell's Tablets restore those who are run down and weary through over-work, worry or sleeplessness, or who are troubled with dyspepsia, kidney weakness, or nerve disturbance; whilst Veno's Lightning Cough Cure is well known throughout the British Empire as the safest and most efficient remedy procurable for coughs, colds, bronchial and catarrhal troubles in old or young.

The outer wrappers can be taken from any of these preparations, and mixed to make the number—twelve.

Veno's Lightning Cough Cure, Dr. Cassell's Tablets, and Dr. Cassell's Instant Relief, are sold by all Druggists and Store-keepers throughout the Dominion.

Commence saving your cartons today—you will get your picture all the quicker—and when you have the number send them to our Sole Agent—Harold F. Ritchie & Co., 10, McCaul Street, Toronto.

Write your name and address plainly—and remember these Pictures CANNOT BE BOUGHT FOR CASH, but can ONLY be obtained as stated above.

MAIL A COPY
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SUNDAY COLONIST
To Your Friends Abroad

The Pictures showing Victoria's greatest snow storm will be of special interest.

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AFFORD RELIEF TO MANY GAME BIRDS

Tons of Grain Have Been Distributed in Accessible Districts—Thousands of Quail Round Saanich Barns.

That the game birds are suffering from the present weather conditions may be taken for granted, but that things are not so bad with them in some districts as might be supposed will be comforting news to all sportsmen and bird lovers. Much as many love to accomplish the destruction of a goodly number of game birds with the aid of a shotgun and some straight powder in the lawful pursuit of sport, none like to think of the birds dying from starvation, apart from all selfish thoughts of the loss of sport in forthcoming seasons, and so it comes about that at a time like this the human enemy becomes the friend of the birds.

Inquiry at the local game warden's department elicited the information that relief has been afforded to thousands of quail and pheasants wherever it is possible. In Saanich, particularly, it has been found possible to feed the birds in large numbers, as they have taken by the thousands to the shelter of the barns and outhouses of the ranchers, and quail are said to be now as common round the barns of the Saanich farms as sparrows round an English farmyard.

The Government has sent out tons of wheat; wherever it was shown that it could be made use of, and it was possible to deliver it, sacks of feed have been sent, and from all accounts it is being made excellent use of and is the means of saving the lives of thousands of birds, quail especially.

Before the last big storm feed was distributed along the grade of the railways through Saanich, and so great was the number of birds which came to feed on it that the trains had frequently to slow up to prevent running over them. The rails being clear, the quail, when they heard the whistle of an approaching locomotive, would run along them, and thus force the drivers to slow up to avoid their destruction.

In severe weather like the present the native birds have the laugh over the imported varieties. Deep snow is harder on quail than any other variety of game birds here, next in proportion the pheasants suffer, but the old blue grouse sits up aloft and has his regular meals from the foliage of the Douglas pine, indifferent to the worst efforts of the weather.

Deer are apt to suffer to a certain extent, as in deep snow they are less able to protect themselves against their natural enemies, which can travel more easily than they themselves can. The Coast deer are not, perhaps, so used to heavy snowfalls as their cousins of the Interior, and are used to more luxurious Winter feeding. They will find it hard browsing and will be poor in the Spring, but otherwise will probably weather it all right.

As for Bruin, he has probably shrugged his shoulders long ere this and gone to sleep until it is all over.

PLANNING AIR TRIP AROUND THE WORLD

American Aviators Building Giant Aeroplane for 26,000-Mile Voyage—Will Start Next Spring

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 7.—Announcing that they are building an aeroplane of record size in which to make a trip around the world, Porter H. Adams, of Boston, and Donald W. Douglass, of New York, are here to complete plans for a start from this harbor early in the Spring.

Douglass is a designer for the Connecticut Aircraft Co., of Bridgeport, Conn., and Adams has been associated with B. F. Keith, jr., in an effort to win the Northcliffe prize of $50,000 for a flight across the Atlantic.

In discussing his plans, Adams said that $100,000 had been invested in the forthcoming trip and that $70,000 more will be needed, all of which is available. He plans a huge aeroplane that will resemble a box kite, measuring nearly 200 feet from tip to tip. It will carry eight Scott motors of 125 horsepower each. Seven persons can be carried, and the machine will be equipped with pontoons. The trip can be made in fourteen days, says Adams.

The proposed flight will lead the airmen over 26,000 miles of the earth's surface. The longest stretch to be covered at one flight will be that between Los Angeles and Honolulu—2,800 miles. From Honolulu on, the itinerary—a tentative one—reads somewhat as follows: Honolulu to Wake Island, thence to Guam, on to Manila, thence to Saigon, to Aden, Port Said, Crete, Sicily, Gib- Indo-China; from there to Madras, then raltar, if the military authorities will permit of the party making a landing there; thence to the Azores, and from there straight across the Atlantic to New York.

GOOD TIMES MADE IN BOSTON GAMES

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 7.—From the obscurity of fourth place, 80 yards from the finish, D. S. Caldwell of the Boston A. A., rushed past an amateur champion and two other fleet runners to victory by a margin of inches in the famous Hunter mile race at the annual games of the Boston Athletic Association Saturday night. The former intercollegiate half-mile champion, trying his pace over the mile distance for the first time in recent years, apparently had been run into the ruck by the charging spurts.

Joe W. Ray of Chicago, the national amateur mile champion, was lengthening his stride in the lead; Mike Devanney of New York, last year's winner of the event, was crowding him closely, and Sydney Leslie of New York was third when Caldwell sped by them to an unexpected success. The time was 4 minutes 25 1-5 seconds.

A duel between Willie Kyronen of the Millrose A. A., New York, and A. D. Colby of the Boston A. A., in which the former won, marked the finish of the three-mile run.

Frank O'Hara of Massachusetts Institute of Technology beat Joe Loomis of Chicago, national dash champion, in the 40-yard dash, in 44 seconds.

In the 45-yard hurdle, J. J. Eller, a New York policeman, won in 6 1-5 seconds, with college men pressing him closely.

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QUAIL IN TOWN

Large Bevies Observed in Dallas Road District—Visit Residences in Search of Food

It is not only in the country districts that the Quail need help to weather the storm. It may not be generally known that even in ordinary times these birds are quite common within a short walk of the business district. Such places as the large shrubberies in the Rockland Avenue district are full of them. Several large bevies frequent the broom patches at the top of the Hillside Avenue hill; there are many of the little grey fellows scattered through the residential parts of the city, and their friendly invasion of the haunts of man has been the source of much delight to all bird lovers.

They are finding it hard to scratch a living, and reports are numerous of them being seen in the open, away from their usual haunts, evidently searching for food. Last week-end two large bevies were observed on the Dallas Road and Dallas Avenue, having probably left the broom thickets of Beacon Hill in search of food. They were running in and out of garden gates in their quest. Several residents have reported picking up quail in a state of exhaustion and taking them home to warmth and shelter, when they have revived.

EASTERN HOCKEY

MONTREAL, Feb. 7.—Through their victory over the Wanderers at Quebec on Saturday, Quebec again assumes the leadership of the club in the N. H. A. On the point system, the Quebec players have a margin of one, while in the games won and lost they have won the same number, but have lost one less than the Red Bands. The other game on Saturday did not bring about any change in the standing of the clubs back of the first two.

The standing:

	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Quebec	6	5	1	54	51	17
Wanderers	8	6	0	66	61	16
Ottawa	7	5	0	40	32	14
Canadiens	6	6	1	49	48	13
Torontos	3	10	0	41	58	6

Commission Is Willing

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Promoters of the proposed bout between Jess Willard and Frank Moran visited the state boxing commissioner's headquarters here Saturday and were informed that if the match was properly conducted there would be no objections raised to it being held in this city. Assurances were given that no arrangements would be made without the acquiescence of the commission. It was said that the bout would be staged if possible in Madison Square Garden.

Ski Tournament

GLENWOOD, Minn., Feb. 7.—Henry Hall, of Ishpeming, Mich., won first place in the national ski tournament, which closed here Saturday, with a total of 285 points. Ragnar Omtvedt of Chicago, was second, with 281 2-3 points, and Carl Hall, Steamboat Springs, Colo., third, with 275 2-3 points. The standing distance jump was won by Haugen, former champion, who covered 132 feet. The twin jump, one of the feature events of today's programme, was won by Milo Waalen and Chester Kaldahl. Axel Hendrickson turned a complete somersault, alighting safely, amid loud applause.

WINNIPEG GRAIN MARKET

WINNIPEG, Feb. 7.—The slump in prices came late in the day, Winnipeg following Chicago's lead to begin with and being helped on by stop-loss orders.

Though the early part of the day was quiet, the late hours were scenes of big, broad trading. May closed 4⅝c down on the day and 4½c down on Saturday's close, at 126½. July closed at 125¼, or 4⅛c lower than on Saturday and 4⅜c down on the day. Both closed on the low points. The coarse grains collapsed under the strain too. Oats was 2⅜c down, with May at 45½ and July at 44¼. Flax was 5 to 6¼c down, with May at 208⅝ and July at 210. Barley was offered for 72c without any trading.

There was quite a bit of export trading today. In the morning it was brisk, but died down later. The exporters seem to be guessing as well as everyone else, for this morning there was some reselling by export houses. The cash trade was little changed. Spot sold 3½ to 6c below May at Winnipeg.

Wheat—	Open.	Close
May	131¼@130⅝	126½
July	128⅝@129½	125¼
Oats—		
July	46⅛	44¼
May	47⅞	45⅛
Barley—		
May	..	72
Flax—		
May	214	208⅝
July	..	210

Cash prices: Wheat—1 Nor., 125; 2 Nor., 120½; 3 Nor., 118; No. 4, 114; No. 5, 106½; No. 6 102½; feed 93½. Oats—2 C.W., 41⅝; 3 C.W., 39¼; ex. 1 feed, 39¼; 1 feed, 38¼; 2 feed, 37¼. Barley—No. 3, 68; No. 4, 63; feed 56. Flax—1 N.W.C., 203; 2 C.W., 200½.

EGGS ARE SCARCE

Fresh Article Increasing in Price Because of Tie-up in Country Deliveries

With communication to country points slowly being opened up local dealers expect an increase in the supplies of fresh eggs which, for the past two weeks have been exceedingly scarce in consequence of which prices have been increasing. With all the island roads completely blocked it has been impossible to bring eggs either into the city from nearby points or to deliver to the various stations on the up-island railway. The two market days per week here proved an important source of supply for local housewives, but the snow blockade of the past week has kept all producers at home. In ordinary years fresh eggs would at this time be retailing at about thirty cents per dozen. Now the price ranges from fifty to sixty cents per dozen and there are very few for sale.

Chicken owners in the district adjacent to Victoria are having a hard time securing feed for their birds, and many will undoubtedly suffer loss if conditions do not improve. There is no scarcity of feed to be had in the city, but the trouble is to get it out over the roads. Communication in the Saanich section is being gradually improved, and in a day or two, if no more snow falls, farmers who have been virtually imprisoned by the drifts, will be able to get about.

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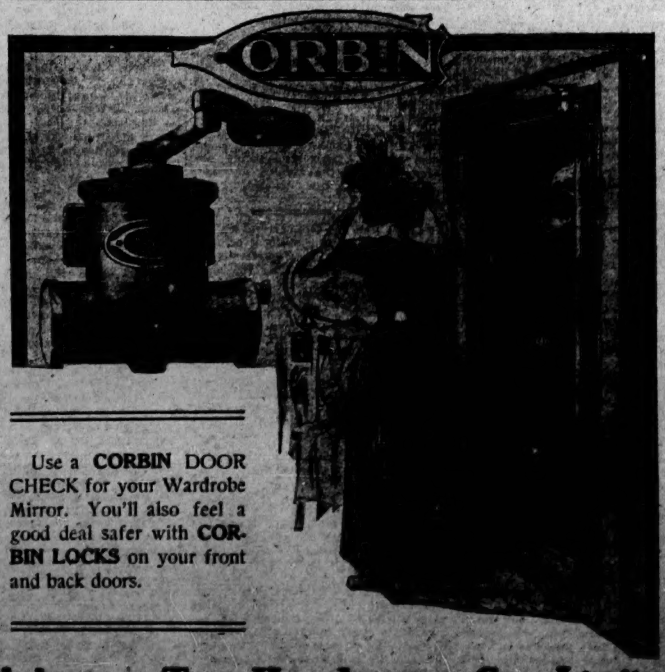

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TIGHTENING GRIP ON ENEMY'S TRADE

British Navy Has Hard, Exhausting and Troublesome Duties in Exerting Pressure of Sea Power.

(By Archibald Hurd)

The naval service, and particularly officers and men who throughout last year were "bucketting" about the sea—as they are today—interrupting the enemy's trade, has a peculiar interest in the "Accounts relating to Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom" for the past year, which have been issued by the Board of Trade.

From the opening of the war our expectation of defeating the Germans has rested, in the main, on the power of the British fleet to place constriction on German commerce. In the early days it was repeatedly urged in these columns that the North Sea should be closed by some form of blockade and Germany's neighbors "rationed." It was not, however, until March that the new form of blockade was declared. That decision followed upon Germany's folly in embarking on her submarine campaign, and was by way of reprisal. The sequence of events quieted neutrals, but we lost time.

Drawing Germany's Teeth

The new regime resulted immediately in a tightening of the grip on the enemy's trade. It led to the creation by the Foreign Office of a series of agreements with bodies of traders in countries contiguous to Germany, with a view to preventing things the enemy most wants to get from reaching him in return for permission to allow other articles of no value for munition purposes and of little value for nutrition to be dealt in fairly freely. The machinery is most ingenious, constructed as it is to put pressure on the enemy and still leave the neutrals freedom to deal in certain articles at a very high price, thus drawing marks from the enemy, which is rather like drawing teeth from an irascible gentleman without gas.

Whether the mesh is sufficiently close and whether more might not be done are matters on which many naval officers hold one opinion and the Foreign Office another. The affair is complicated by political and other considerations. But Sir Edward Grey and those working in association with him can be in no doubt that the nation, while it desires consideration to be shown to these neutrals, is heart and soul with the sea service within the limits of right and expediency.

Now the trade returns, which cover the whole year and not merely the ten months of the blockade, or even the shorter period during which the new measures have been increased in efficiency, are somewhat remarkable. Some of Germany's neighbors took more of certain imports from us than usual, but, on the other hand, they must have been shut off to a considerable extent owing to the closing, under prohibition orders, of the German markets from which they were accustomed to get much of what they required. To instance, raw cocoa, I believe, for our own and other people's consumption, used to come via Hamburg: that mart is no longer available, and hence a diversion of trade. That is merely illustrative. On the other hand, Germans had other commodities to sell in abundance, such as sugar, of which we were their principal customer.

Coal and Other Things

One of our greatest exports is coal. These are the figures of exports (tons) for the three years:

	1913.	1914.	1915.
To Sweden...	4,562,076	4,260,255	2,650,995
To Norway ..	2,298,845	2,462,200	2,645,187
To Denmark..	3,034,240	3,059,162	3,130,642
To Germany..	8,952,328	5,256,765	
To Netherl'nds	2,018,401	1,722,215	1,792,931
To Belgium ..	2,031,077	1,169,554	

A considerable decline in the aggregate occurred; Germany is a coal-producing country. But turn to oil seed, the Netherlands, which took 2,813 tons in 1913, had last year 36,336 tons. Our total exports of palm oil rose from 21,000 cwt. to 162,000. Where did it go? The returns do not show. There is no explanation of the doubling of the exports of pure linseed oil, of the rise from 532 tons of cottonseed oil to 4,702 tons, or of the increase of the trade in soya bean oil.

Sweden and the Netherlands took seven times their usual quantity of raw cotton. Cotton yarn was in great demand. Sweden's buyings rose from 1,622,400 pounds in 1913 to 2,935,900 pounds in 1915. Norway's from 2,549,800 pounds to 4,065,800 pounds, Denmark's from 946,900 pounds to 3,633,700 pounds, and the Netherlands from 39,255,300 pounds to 59,753,100 pounds. Denmark's demand for cotton piece goods increased from 16,299,700 yards to 32,444,400 yards, but that of the Netherlands fell by nearly a half. There was a boom in cotton flags, handkerchiefs and shawls, not in piece.

On the other hand the wool yarn requirements of Scandinavia and Holland fell off enormously, while the call for woollen tissues went up in the case of Sweden (slightly), Norway, Denmark and Holland taking less. Worsted tissues were not in exceptional demand anywhere. The exports to all markets of chemical manures decreased from 704,071 tons to 541,931 tons, and the demand for soda compounds was merely steady.

Coffee, Cocoa and Tea

There was a great demand for warming non-alcoholic drinks. Raw cocoa—exports to all countries—rose from 15,112,700 pounds in 1913 to 61,636,687 pounds, and cocoa preparations from 6,006 cwt. to 48,625. Where the cocoa went the Board of Trade does not state, but it confesses that Sweden took 42,743 cwt. of coffee instead of 18,448 cwt., and that the exports of coffee to the Netherlands went up from 105,871 cwt. to 354,924 cwt. There was also an apparent increase of appreciation of the virtues of tea, particularly the varieties coming from China. Fortunately the German army and the civilian people, if they obtained any of these supplies, cannot have found them very nourishing, however stimulating or comforting they may have proved.

These figures are merely illustrative, and necessarily so, for the Board of Trade is not very communicative as to the destinations—or presumptive destinations—of many commodities; it preserves its usual routine in this respect. And, of course, these accounts take no account of direct trade from the United States and other extra-European neutral countries to Scandinavia and the Netherlands.

There are two conclusions which these returns suggest. The one was expressed by Mr. Runciman on Monday night, when he said: "I regret that the economic pressure which we have been able to bring to bear upon Germany has not been felt earlier, for it is clear that by economic pressure, more than by any other means, we shall be able to persuade the German government of the fruitlessness of continuing the struggle." There is a general feeling to that effect among all who realize the influence which sea power can exert. And the second conclusion is that, within the limits of honor and expediency, the British fleet must be given the largest possible measure of freedom to drag Germany down. In that matter the Admiralty, representing officers and men who are carrying out at sea duties hard, exhausting and troublesome, has a special duty to act as a counterpoise against any indications of weakness in what may be described as "the higher economic and political command" in this country—London Daily Telegraph.

SKODA WORKS DAMAGED

Great Explosion Kills 195 Employees and Destroys Three Buildings at Famous Austrian Arsenal

MILAN, Feb. 7.—A Secolo dispatch from Bucharest says that, according to information received there from a trustworthy source, a terrific explosion of mellenite occurred at the famous Austrian arsenal of Skoda. Three factory buildings, including that set apart for the manufacture of the renowned 305 millimetre hydraulic guns, were blown into the air. One hundred and ninety-five employees perished in the ruins.

A Rome dispatch dated February 6 said that, according to the Bucharest correspondent of The Messagero, the great Skoda works at Pilsen, Bohemia, had been partly destroyed by an explosion. It was at these works that the formidable heavy pieces known as the Skoda guns were made.

ARKANSAS FLOODS

Many People in Clarendon in Need of Food—Efforts to Save Arkansas City From Destruction

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 7.—Water some fifteen feet deep has flooded the streets of the city of Clarendon, and 1,500 persons are in immediate need of food.

Hundreds of men tonight continued their fight to save the Mississippi levees and prevent the destruction of Arkansas City and Lake Village, in the southeastern part of the state. Both towns already are partly submerged by the flood waters of the Arkansas River.

Charles Mason, a farmer, is reported to have been drowned a few miles from Arkansas City today.

JITNEYS' COMPETITION

Receipts of B. C. Electric Railway in Vancouver Seriously Reduced During Past Year

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 7.—The jitney traffic cut deep into the earnings of the B. C. Electric Railway last year.

By the activity of this new form of transportation, as well as for other reasons, the B. C. Electric last year paid the city less than half of the city's commission of the previous year. The city's percentage on collections fell from just under $70,000 in 1914 to $33,312.57.

The number of passengers carried compared as follows: 37,540,575 in 1914; 25,956,093 in 1915.

GREECE WANTS DAMAGES

Demand for Indemnity on Account of Zeppelin Raid at Salonica Made on Germany

ATHENS, Feb. 7.—A Greek special commission has submitted a long report relative to the damages caused to the town of Salonica by the recent attack of Zeppelin airships. A recommendation is made to the Greek Premier that a demand be made on Germany for indemnity.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—Greece has presented Germany with a demand for indemnity as a result of the recent bombardment of Salonica by a Zeppelin, according to a Central News dispatch received here today from Rome.

HARVARD IN COLLISION

Steamer Sinks Schooner in San Francisco Bay—No Fatalities Are Reported

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7.—The Pacific Navigation Company's fast passenger steamer Harvard, from San Pedro, ran into and sank the schooner Excelsior in San Francisco harbor during a dense fog. The Excelsior, outward bound in ballast, was struck on the starboard beam, and went down slowly, giving all hands ample time to find safety in the launches that were quickly alongside. A report that one member of the crew was missing could not be confirmed. The Harvard was undamaged.

British Trade in January

LONDON, Feb. 7.—The British Board of Trade figures for January show that imports increased by £7,702,000. Exports increased £8,509,000. The principal increases in imports were foodstuffs, raw material and chemical dyes. The increase in exports was made up principally in manufactured articles.

G. N. Trains Cancelled

SEATTLE, Feb. 7.—On receipt of a Government flood and avalanche warning, the Great Northern discontinued operation of trains in the Cascade Mountains. The Milwaukee and Northern Pacific continued to move trains with extreme caution. Dangerous points are closely watched, the number of track patrolmen having been doubled.

German Preparations

PARIS, Feb. 7.—The arrival of the new Krupp guns, the shifting of regiments and the fact that veterans from the eastern front replacing the landsturmers in the trenches, are believed to indicate that the Germans are planning an offensive along the front in Belgium and Northern France.

Russian Ministerial Change

PETROGRAD, Feb. 7.—Another important cabinet change was announced today. Pierre A. Kharitonoff, controller General, retires for reasons of health. He is succeeded by M. Pokrovsky, a member of the Council of the Empire.

General Delmotte Dead

PARIS, Feb. 7.—General Nicholas Victor Delmotte has died from illness contracted at the front. He was one of the heroes of the retreat from Charleroi, during which he commanded the rear guard brigade of the French 17th Army Corps.

Two Killed in Seattle

SEATTLE, Feb. 7.—Two persons were killed and a third injured late tonight in a snow and mud slide which wrecked two cottages at Magnolia Bluff, in the extreme northwestern part of Seattle.

Greek Soldiers Called Up

ATHENS, Feb. 7.—All classes of [illegible] and 1916 living abroad, excepting those in Russia, Turkey, Bulgaria and Roumania, have been called to the colors. The call affects 30,000 men.

1,200,000 PRISONERS OF WAR IN GERMANY

Only 25,000 British, but They Receive Harshest Treatment

According to latest returns there are over 1,200,000 Allied war prisoners in Germany. Russians head the list with 905,000 soldiers and 7,250 officers; then the French with 270,000 soldiers and 4,500 officers, Belgium has 41,000 of its sons in German prisons, with 670 officers, Britain has only 25,000 men and 650 officers; but the British get harsher treatment than any of the others. Civilians are not in this list, but number about 75,000 for all the Allied nationalities.

The number of Russian prisoners, though large, is far below the total reported by German official documents from time to time. Very few Russian officers have been caught in proportion. But the actual number reported here includes also 200,000 Polish and Ruthenian peasants who inhabited the various provinces at the time Germany invaded them. These are now in Germany working for the Kaiser either in munition factories or on the land; some are making earthworks and digging trenches. Many of these 200,000 were actually in Germany when war broke out—harvesting, as was the custom with Polish and Russian peasants, attracted for the season by high wages offered in the German Empire.

TRENCH WARFARE HAS EXCITING MOMENTS

Frenchmen Cooped Up in Dugout Almost Surrounded by Enemy Have Thrilling Adventure—Daring Escape.

Mr. H. Warner Allen, special correspondent of the British Press with the French Armies, writes:

The struggle for every point of vantage between the two lines is a continuous and desperate one. Every little mound and every bit of cover in the debatable ground between the trenches is fought for again and again. In this give and take fighting, the initiative and dash of the French soldier are invaluable, and so little are they cast down if the enemy succeeds for a moment in occupying one of these disputed positions that they set out to recapture it the next day.

On the banks of the Aisne, just half way between the French and the German positions, there is a small mound or hillock that overlooks the German lines. One night, fifteen men and a non-commissioned officer crept out of their trench, crawled through the barbed wire entanglements, crossed the river and quietly installed themselves on the crest of this mound. With the utmost silence, they set to work to dig themselves in, and constructed two trenches and a fairly strong dugout. They spent forty-eight hours in their dangerous position unobserved. They admitted later that they were the longest hours in their lives, for peril was always imminent, and their nerves were always on the strain for the inevitable moment when they would be seen and shelled in this exposed position.

At last the dreaded moment came, and big projectiles from a German eight-inch battery began to burst on their make-shift entrenchments. They took refuge in their dugout, but were sorely shaken by the bursting shells, while the shelter threatened to collapse at any moment on their heads. However, it was still standing when the bombardment ceased, as suddenly as it began.

The French soldiers came out and peeped over the edge of their shattered trench—only to find a new menace. The Germans, considering that the French positions had by this time been cleared, had sent forward forty men. This detachment had already reached the first trench which the French had dug, and was hard at work repairing the damage caused by their own shells, in order to use it for themselves. When they had finished their work, they advanced towards the second trench. The French hastily scuttled back to their dugout, and remained there in perfect silence.

The enemy's men actually entered the trench, which had been badly knocked about, but, considering that their position was anything but secure, they did not trouble to explore the dugout, particularly as the entrance to it was almost completely covered by falling earth, leaving only just room for one man to pass at a time. Concluding that none of the Frenchmen were left in the position, the Germans returned to the first trench.

The position of the French soldiers, cooped up in their dugout, was anything but a pleasant one, for they were almost surrounded by the enemy, and at any time the roof of their shelter might give way. They decided to send back words to the French troops behind them, and a corporal volunteered to carry the message. In ordinary circumstances, no one would have attempted to cross the piece of ground that lay between the hill and the river. It was a case of needs must, however, and, somehow or other, the corporal made his way out of the trench, crawled along the river bank and slipped into the river itself. There, with the water up to his waist, and not thirty feet below the German position, he passed across to the French lines and delivered his message to the officer commanding.

The officer, after consideration, decided that it was impossible to reinforce the detachment on the other side of the river. "They must," he said, "do as you have done, and you had better go back and show them the way."

The corporal went back across the river, and found his fellows anxiously waiting. He told them what the officer had said, and they replied, simply, "All right." Then, one by one, at intervals of two minutes, the sixteen Frenchmen crept past the German position, and slipped into the river. The enemy did not discover them until just as the last man was reaching the French lines, and then opened a heavy fire. Fortunately, it was too late.

Help for Red Cross

LONDON, Ont., Feb. 7.—It is announced that, as a result of a two-day campaign last week in behalf of the Canadian Red Cross Society, London is pledged to give $3,000 a month for a year to the society. $3,000 a month was the objective. When the final returns are in it is believed that the monthly contributions from the city will be almost [illegible].

NO UNIONS HAMPER FRENCH PRODUCTION

British Commission Examines Conditions in Ally's Munition Works—Great Efficiency of Work Being Done.

Lord Murray, of Elibank, with the approbation of the English and French ministries of munitions, appointed a mission to visit the industrial areas of France and to report on the tremendous increase in the production of munitions of war in that country. The mission consisted of Messrs. J. T. Brownlie, A. Duckham, D. J. Shackleton, A. M. Smith and two engineers of wide experience in the manufacture of munitions.

The mission, in its report, states that the spirit which dominates the French nation has prevented difficulties arising in the manufacture of war material, loss of time is practically negligible, and no trade union rules exist at the present time. Everything is done to increase production, it continues, and while no limitations of profits exist, no question has been raised by the workpeople in this respect. The manner in which the employers of France have been able to acquire machinery, and the initiative and energy displayed by them are beyond all praise. The increase of production in France, the report of the mission concludes, is due to the patriotic enthusiasm that exists there.

Run Night and Day

Going into the details of particular questions in which there is a great interest in Great Britain, the report states that there is now no question but that the nation realizes that it is at war, and is determined to see it through to a succesful issue. Women, of whom there are many thousands employed, work with a good will that is most impressive, and the men have apparently welcomed their introduction, and are doing everything possible to instruct and co-operate with them in the manufacture of munitions. Practically all the factories run a night shift as well as a day shift, and, in some cases, there are three shifts. The usual starting times are six a.m. to seven a. m. A break of two hours or one (average one and a half hours) takes place at noon, and the day shift continues till six or seven p.m. The long break in the middle of the day enables the women to look after the meals and the comfort of their children, and it is highly valued on that account. On night shift, ten hours are usually worked, and one hour is allowed for a meal, though that is usually taken at the machines without the machinery being stopped. In most cases, the shifts change over every fortnight, and, at the change, the workpeople get twenty-four hours off duty. The same hours are worked on Saturdays as on other days, and the occasional stoppage of the works after noon on Sundays gives the necessary time for repairs to the plant. In most cases, the women work the same hours as the men, though not much female labor is employed on the night shift where the two-shift system is in vogue.

The production is as much during the night as in the day, owing, probably, to comparative freedom from interruption. There is no restriction on the work a woman may do, though, as a general rule, the processes of tool-making and setting-up are confined to men. The opinion in the French factories is that the output of women on small work equals that of the men, and, in some cases, excels it, while on heavier work women are practically of the same value.

Labor Dilution.

Dealing with the much-discussed question of dilution of labor, the report states that the introduction of unskilled labor into the French factories has not produced the same difficulties as in England. Trade union conditions as regards wages and labor have been practically suspended, according to representatives of the trade union movement in France. In France, there does not seem to be a recognized system of apprentices except in the higher branches of engineering. Labor is being specialized, and workpeople are permitted to specialize in more skilled operations as they show the necessary ability.

A remarkable feature of the French factories, concludes the report, is the almost entire absence of lost time, the percentage of absences through avoidable causes does not exceed, on the average, one per cent of the total time. At St. Etienne, for example, where 10,000 are employed, only ten to twenty were to be punished on the day of the visit of the mission for culpable absence. On the same day, sixty persons made late starts in the morning. On many days, however, no late starts are recorded. No strikes have taken place during hostilities, although, prior to the war, the usual labor troubles were in evidence. No applications for general advances in wages have been made by the workpeople since the outbreak of the war.

CONFERENCE WITH KING

Premier Asquith, Sir Henry Jackson and General Callwell Received in Audience

LONDON, Feb. 7.—A court circular announces that the King today received in audience Premier Asquith, Sir Henry Jackson and Major-General Charles Edward Callwell. Mr. Asquith is president of the Imperial Defence Committee; Sir Henry Jackson is First Sea Lord, and General Callwell is director of military intelligence.

Special significance is believed to attach to the conference of the King with three such important chiefs of the war operations. It is also noted that Earl Kitchener, Secretary for War, had a long audience with the King a few days ago.

Precautions at Fredericton

FREDERICTON, N. B., Feb. 7.—An armed guard has been placed on duty at the Provincial Parliament Buildings here. The guard is being organised today. Soldiers who have been on the firing line and have been invalided home are being given the preference in the selection of the guards. While the Legislature is in session the guard probably will be increased and additional precautions taken.

La Fontaine Passes In

The French bark La Fontaine passed up the Straits yesterday bound for Port Townsend. She was picked up outside Cape Flattery by the tug [illegible].

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EVERY Raincoat in our large stock is a reliable make and fully guaranteed—one of the most popular makes being the "Distingue." These have stitched seams, which cannot possibly come asunder, and therefore most reliable for practical use. The assortment includes both single and double textures, and there are various grades and prices. All sizes to 42 bust and 60 inches in length in ladies, and the prices range $10.00, $12.50, $13.50, $15.00 and **$17.50**

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A few popular and well-tried Tonics for building up the system after an attack of la grippe and severe colds:

Dr. Howard's Preparations—
Orange Quinine Wine, quart bottles .... **75¢**
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Quinine and Iron Tonic, 50c size for .... **35¢**
Dr. Lebig's Beef and Iron Wine, large bottle .... **75¢**
Wincarnis—
Pint size .... **95¢**
Quart size **$1.60**

—Drugs, Main Floor

Worth While Securing One of These Warm, Stylish Coats at $5.00 and $7.50

THEY are Coats such as women need for present and early Spring wear, and by choosing one today you have the advantage of buying a really first-class garment for about half or a little less. The materials are right good qualities and all the styles are right up to date, featuring belted effects and high neck closing. A good selection of sizes and styles to choose from.

—Selling First Floor

New Delivery of Ladies' Gloves

Natural and White Chamois Gloves. A pair **$1.25**
Cape Skin Gloves, tan only, 1 clasp, pique and P. X. M. seam. A pair, $1.25 and **$1.50**

—Main Floor

New Styles in Silk and Crepe de Chine and Georgette Crepe Waists, in a Special Purchase Sale, at $4.90

Values $5.75 and $6.75

SOME of the daintiest Waists ever shown, and you will fully endorse that statement when you see them for yourself. The styles are very new—quite different to anything previously shown and they come in the new shades for Spring.

The materials are silk crepe de Chine and Georgette crepes; some Waists are made of two materials in combination effect. We purchased these advance styles to advantage, thus can offer today $5.75 and $6.75 values for **$4.90**

—Selling First Floor

February House Furnishing Sale — Today's News

A New Washable Rag Rug

Comes in basket weave design, which is the very latest novelty. This Rug will wash like a Turkish Towel, and give hard wear. Size 3 x 6 ft. Special at **$3.75**

—Second Floor

Mercerized Punjab Cloth—To Clear at, Yard, 39c

THIS effective Curtain Material is 36 in. wide, finished with double borders. Artistic stencilled designs, perfectly fast colors and washable. A few pieces only, clearing at, yard .... **39¢**

—Drapery, First Floor

Strong Cocoa Fibre Door Mats—Special at 75c

IT'S far easier to keep the mud and slush outside your home, by using one of these strong Door Mats, than clean the dirt and wet up after it gets inside. Send your order in for one of these right away. Special value at .... **75¢**

—Carpets, Second Floor

Art Window Muslins, Selling at, Yard, 10c

Artistic Muslins with double borders and all-over designs, 36 in. wide, and the shades are red, blue, cream, green and white. Also included 18 in. Vitrage Net. All clearing at, yd. **10¢**

—First Floor

Specials in Snow Shovels and Brooms

SHOVELS in two styles—long or short D handle. A very strong make, with solid plain back and socket strap handle. Regular $1.00 grade for .... **75¢**
Bass Brooms, the best for sweeping snow away. Reg. 95c grade for .... **75¢**
Corn Brooms, all grades. Specially priced from 10c to .... **75¢**

—Hardware, Second Floor

Values to $30.00 in Brussels Squares to Clear at $20.00

SUBSTANTIAL savings worth while to all who need new floor coverings. These Rugs are very fine grades—some of the best Brussels made, but on account of the range being limited to about sixteen, we have grouped them into one offering for the February Sale. For samples, we draw your attention to the View Street window.

—Selling Second Floor

Solid Quarter-Cut Oak Buffet, $23.75

A handsome piece of furniture for any dining-room. Well made from solid oak, quarter cut; fitted with 2 plate drawers and large cupboard; also long bevelled mirror. For the February Sale, special **$23.75**

—Fourth Floor

A Comfortable Mattress for $5.50

THIS is a very special quality Sanitary Mattress, finished with cotton felt top, bottom and edges; well tufted and quilted and with roll edge. A most comfortable Mattress at a special price. Full size only. Each at **$5.50**
Special Offering in Feather Pillows—A pair... **$1.50**

—Fourth Floor

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